

CONTEMPORARY POLITICS IN THE BALKANS

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Description of the course

This course provides students with the knowledge of the present political situation in Southeast Europe. Strong emphasis will be paid to the historical roots, including economic, ethnic, religious and cultural developments. The introductory part of the course will examine the term “the Balkan countries” and South East Europe, and will provide a view of the Ottoman Empire, following the national movements and struggles of the Balkan peoples. These phenomena will be interpreted in a comparative perspective and in combination with selected chapters from Balkan history in the period of Communism (e.g. Yugoslavia, the civil war in Greece, the idea of Balkan Federation, Tito, etc.). The climax of the course will be an examination of the disintegration of Yugoslavia, problems of multiethnic Macedonia, and the Europeanization of the Balkans.

Structure of the course and requirements

Every week session consists of a two parts: *2 hrs* of lecture followed by *1 hr* of discussion. The discussion consists of *paper performed* consecutive *by all students* where the topic of preceding lecture would be discussed.

Students activity is required during lectures and particularly during discussion session – all students will read a „compulsory text“ every week (at least 50% of attendance is required). Students are also required to prove ***knowledge of content of lectures***: there will be a written examination at the end of the course.

Final classification depends on

- presented **papers** - 30%;
- students activities during discussion sessions - 30%;
- **written examination** (content of lectures will be tested) at the end of the course - 40%.

Recommended web sites (also available in english language):

SouthEast European Times. In: www.setimes.com.

Parties & Elections. The database about parliamentary elections and political parties in Europe. In: www.parties-and-elections.de.

Tanjug (Serbian). In: <http://www.tanjug.co.yu>.

B 92. In: <http://www.b92.net/eng/>.

BETA news agency. In: <http://www2.beta.co.yu/default.asp?h=English,en>.

Macedonian Information Agency. In: <http://www.mia.com.mk/>

Sofia News Agency. In: <http://www.novinite.com/>.

Recommended articles and books - see inside lectures.

STRUCTURE AND TOPICS OF THE LECTURES AND DISCUSSION WEEKS (WORKSHOPS)

1) The Geography of the Balkans.

(Territoriality, political boundaries, common cultural space).

Recommended texts:

Crampton, Jeremy W.: The cartographic calculation of space: race mapping and the *Balkans* at the Paris Peace Conference of 1919. *Social & Cultural Geography*, Oct2006, Vol. 7 Issue 5, p731-752.

Radan, Peter: Yugoslavia's Internal Borders as International Borders: A Question of Appropriateness. *East European Quarterly*, XXXIII, No. 2. June 1999.

Guentcheva, R. (2003): Seeing Language: Bulgarian Linguistic Maps in the Second Half on the Twentieth Century. *European Review of History – Revue européenne d'Histoire*. Vol. 10, No. 3, 2003.

Ulbrich, Svetozar: Cvijić's sociological research into society in the Balkans. *British Journal of Sociology*, Dec71, Vol. 22 Issue 4, 18p.

2) The History, Mentality, Myths and Legends on the Balkans.

(Ancient and medieval national symbols and legends, ottoman legacy).

Compulsory text:

Mountain wreath. Anti-islam in Balkan Slavonic discourses, pp. 21-38 (chapter 2). In: Carmichael, Cathie: *Ethnic Cleansing in the Balkans*. Routledge. London and New York.

Recommended texts:

Kitromilides, Paschalis M. : Balkan mentality: history, legend, imagination. *Nations and Nationalism*, 2 (2). 1996, pp. 163-191.

Bandits and Paramilitaries, pp. 39-51 (chapter 3). In: Carmichael, Cathie: *Ethnic Cleansing in the Balkans*. Routledge. London and New York. 2002.

3) Nation-states building process in the Balkans.

(Ethnic revival, from ethnic category through ethnic community to the nation-building process and Illyrian movement, decline of Ottoman empire and rise of nationalism in the Balkans; independency of balkan nations, interwar period).

Compulsory text:

Roudometof, Victor: *Nationalism, Globalization, and Orthodoxy. The Social Origins of Ethnic Conflict in the Balkans*. Greenwood Press. Westport, Connecticut – London.

Recommended texts:

Pavković, Aleksandar: National Liberations in former Yugoslavia: When Will they end? *East European Quarterly*, XXXVI, No. 2, June 2002, pp. 227-248.

4) The Age of Communism on the Balkans.

(Yugoslavia and *Titoism*, Postwar atheistic Albania, Nicolae Ceaușescu and Todor Jivkov or one man show in communist Romania and Bulgaria?).

Compulsory text:

Crampton, R, J.: Balkan Communist Leaders. *Journal of Southern Europe & the Balkans*, Dec2004, Vol. 6 Issue 3, p211-225.

5) Collapse of communism in the Balkans.

(The crisis and the fall of communist regimes in Romania and Bulgaria in 80's of 20th century, causes of the crisis in Yugoslavia and the break up of federation).

Compulsory text:

Pavkovi_, Aleksandar: From Yugoslavism to Serbism: the Serb national idea 1986-1996. *Nations and Nationalism* 4 (4), 1998, pp. 511-28.

Recommended texts:

Ishiyama, John: Ethnopolitical Parties and Democratic Consolidation in Post-Communist Eastern Europe. *Nationalism & Ethnic Politics*, Vol. 7, No. 3, Autumn 2001, pp. 25-45.

Lendvai, Paul: Yugoslavia without Yugoslavs: the roots of the crisis. *International Affairs* 67, 2 (1991), pp. 251-261.

6) The Wars in the Balkans (1991-1995).

(nationalization of politics in the Balkans, the rise of Franjo Tu_ man in Croatia, declaration of independent Croatia and Slovenia, „Yugoslav peoples army“ and others (e.g. Slovenia and Croatia), Bosnia – apple of discord, Dayton accord).

Compulsory text:

Bax, Mart: Planned Policy or Primitive Balkanism? A Local Contribution to the Ethnography of the War in Bosnia-Herzegovina. *Ethnos*, Vol. 65:3, 2000 (pp. 317-340)

Recommended texts:

Uzelak, Gordona: Franjo Tadjman's nationalist ideology. *East European Quarterly*, Winter 1997, Vol. 31, Issue 4.

Hoare, Attila: The Croatian Project to Partition Bosnia-Herzegovina, 1990-1994. *East European Quarterly*, March 1997, Vol. 31, Issue 1.

7) The postcommunism outsider of former Yugoslavia: transition period in Bulgaria, Romania and Albania.

(Bulgaria and Romania in 90's).

Compulsory text:

Mungiu-Pippidi, Alina. *Romanian Journal of Political Science*, Spring2005, Vol. 5 Issue 1, p7-28.

Recommended texts:

Tismaneu, Vladimir: Discomforts of Victory: Democracy, Liberal Values and Nationalism in Post-Communist Europe. *West European Politics*. April 2002, pp. 82-100.

Firebaugh, G. – Sandu, D.: Who supports Marketization and Democratization in Post-Communist Romania? *Sociological Forum*. No. 3/1998.

8) Bulgaria and Romania from candidate members to accession countries of the EU.

(Bulgaria and Romania after 1999).

Compulsory text:

Matei, Sorin: The Emergent Romanian Post-Communist Ethos. *Problems of Post-Communism*, March/April 2004, pp. 40-47.

Recommended texts:

Dobre, Ana-Maria: EU Conditionality Building and Romanian Minority Rights Policy: Towards the Europeanisation of the Candidate Countries. *Perspectives on European Politics and Society*, 4:1. The Netherlands 2003.

Gallagher, Tom: *Balkan but different: Romania and Bulgaria's contrasting paths to NATO membership 1994-2002*. *Journal of Communist Studies & Transition Politics*, Dec2004, Vol. 20 Issue 4, p1-19, 19p.

Anastasakis, Othon: The Europeanization of the Balkans. *Brown Journal of World Affairs*, Summer/Fall2005, Vol. 12 Issue 1, p77-88.

9) The Albanian Question, without end?

(Albania on the way from isolation to the civil war in 1997; Kosovo crisis in 1999, the NATO intervention and its consequences).

Compulsory texts:

Murzaku, Ines A. – Dervishi, Zyhdi: Albanian's first post-communist decade. Values in transition: traditional or liberal? *East European Quarterly*, XXXVII, No. 2, June 2003.

Redman, Michael: Should Kosovo Be Entitled to Statehood? *Political Quarterly*, Jul 2002, Vol. 73, Issue 3.

Recommended text:

Draper, Stark: The conceptualization of an Albanian nation. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, Vol. 20. No. 1, Jan 1997.

10) Serbia after Milo_evi_.

(Politics in Serbia after 1999, Serbia and Montenegro – from uneasy relations to separation).

Compulsory text:

Pribicevic, Ognjen: *Serbia after Milosevic*. *Journal of Southeast European & Black Sea Studies*, Jan 2004, Vol. 4 Issue 1, pp. 107-118.

Recommended text:

Upchurch, Martin: State, labour and Market in post-revolution Serbia. *Capital & Class*, Summer 2006.

11) Croatia after Tu_man.

(Politics in Croatia from 2000, europeanization of the country).

Compulsory text:

Bellamy, Alex J.: *Croatia after Tudjman. The 2000 Parliamentary and Presidential Elections*, pp. 18-31. *Problems of Post-Communism*, Vol. 48, no. 5, September-October 2001, pp. 18-31.

Recommended texts:

Grabar-kitarovic, Kolinda: The Republic of Croatia and the Euro-Atlantic Integration. *International Affairs: A Russian Journal of World Politics, Diplomacy & International Relations*, 2007, Vol. 53 Issue 1, pp. 67-73.

Petak, Zdravko: Europeanization and Policy-making in the National Context: The Work of Policy in Croatia. *Politicka Misao: Croatian Political Science Review*, 2006, Vol. 43, Issue 5, pp. 61-75.

12) The New Macedonian Question.

(Macedonian interethnic crisis in 2001 – causes and developments, Ochrid Framework Agreement and after).

Compulsory text:

Schneckenner, Ulrich: Theory and Practice of European Crisis Management: The Case Macedonia. *European Yearbook of Minority Issues*, Vol. 1, 2001/2, pp. 131-154.

Recommended texts:

Roudometof, Victor: Nationalism and Identity Politics in the Balkans: Greece and the Macedonian Question. *Journal of Modern Greek Studies*, Vol. 14, 1996, pp. 253-293.

Kojouharov, Anton: *Bulgarian „Macedonian“ Nationalism: A conceptual Overview*. The Online Journal of Peace and Conflict Resolution.

13) Bosnia after the Dayton accord. Kosovo and its drive for statehood.

(Politics in Bosnia from 1995, international community and postconflict management after 1995, difficult coexistence of the three communities /Bosnian Croats, Bosnian Serbs and Muslims-Bosnians/; Politics in Kosovo from 1999, international community and postconflict management after 1999, Serbian minority in Kosovo).

Compulsory text:

Bieber, Florian: Bosnia-Herzegovina: Slow Progress towards a Functional State. *Journal of Southeast European & Black Sea Studies*, Mar2006, Vol. 6 Issue 1, pp. 43-64.

Recommended texts:

Pugh, Michael: Shadow Economies and Peacebuilding in Bosnia and Kosovo. *Problems of Post-Communism*, vol. 51, no. 3, May/June 2004, pp. 53-60.

Archem, Sarah, E.: Kosovo Present and Future. *Military Review*, Nov.-Dec. 2003.

Ingimundarson, Valur: The *Politics* of Memory and the Reconstruction of Albanian National Identity in Postwar Kosovo. *History & Memory*, Spring/Summer2007, Vol. 19 Issue 1, pp. 95-123.