Topics in Ethnology
Anthropology 330, Lecture 1

Peoples and Cultures of Central and Eastern Europe

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Scope of Course

The course will focus on main characteristics of peoples living in Eastern and Central Europe. Topics covered: ethnic and political history, languages, traditional and modern economies, social and political institutions, culture, religion, everyday life, and current transformations including ethnicity and nationalism. The countries that will be examined include: Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, the countries of the former Yugoslavia, and Albania.

Texts

Several copies of all required texts will be available at the 8th floor Social Science Library (under my name). In addition, many required and recommended books are in the Reserve Collection of College Library in Helen C. White Hall (they are marked by “*” in the Bibliography). Pay attention to their call numbers; this should save you much time and frustration when you come to the library. Articles marked with “†” are also on reserve at College Library (in addition to the Social Science Library); under RB Anthro 330-1.

Class Format

Most sessions will center around a lecture accompanied by demonstration of slides and films. Remember that the class sessions are not designed to repeat the assigned readings, but rather to interpret them and to supplement them with additional context and information. A good old student rule is to cover the reading assignment for each subject before the topic is raised in lecture.

Personal Consultation

Feel free to meet with me for help, advice, further discussion of the course, or just to get acquainted. If my regular office hours conflict with your classes, make an appointment for a different time. Please, do not call my home number between 1:00 am and 10:00 am and, except in emergency, on weekends.
Examinations

There will be two midterm exams (25% each) and a final exam (50%). The final exam will cover the entire course. The midterms will consist of matching questions, while the final will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and matching questions. They will be based on assigned readings and class lectures. The final letter grade is based on a normal curve. However, I shall not necessarily be bound by strict mathematical averages, and I reserve the right to consider such intangibles as genuine interest and effort when awarding a final course grade.

Course Outline and Reading Assignments

Weeks 1-2  Central and Eastern Europe as a specific cultural area – general characteristics: geography, climate, history, sociopolitical structures, economics, languages, and religions.

Reading Assignments:

**Required:**
Roskin: 1-65, 104-124
Berend and Ránki: 1-11
Magosci: 2-4

**Recommended:**
Magosci: 5-8, 10, 12, 13-16, 18-24, 27-33, 48-53, 57-76, 83-90, 121-146, 152-163

Weeks 2-3  Poland

Reading Assignments:

Goldman: 220-221
Kurczewski and Czynczyk: 81-93
Wedel: 97-106, 152-168, 173-177
Hann: 5-15, 100-112
Regulska in Rueschemeyer: 35-56
*Film.*

Weeks 3-4  Czechoslovakia; Czech Republic, Slovakia

Reading Assignments:

Goldman: 114-117, 139-145
Magosci: 10, 13, 20-22, 49, 51, 127, 132-133
Brisch and Volgyes: 25-55
Holy: 16-33, 41-43, 72-98, 92-113, 172-180
Wolchik in Rueschemeyer: 3-20

Weeks 5-6 Hungary

Reading Assignments:

Goldman: 182-183, 206-211, 213-215, 216-218
Fodor in Rueschemeyer: 171-197

Week 7 Film
Midterm Exam #1

Week 8 Romania

Reading Assignments:

Goldman: 266-267
Georgescu: 1-43, 58-72, 267-297
Fischer and Harsáni in Rueschemeyer: 201-220
Kideckel: 15-19, 63-66, 101-105, 195-202, 204-212
Nelson in Bárány and Volgyes: 198-213

Weeks 9-10 Bulgaria

Reading Assignments:

Goldman: 83-85
Magosci: 8, 10-13, 16, 27-28, 84, 86, 87-89, 123, 145-146
McIntyre: 15-28, 136-146, 147-149, 153-156, 161-166
Todorova: 129-141

Weeks 10-13 Countries of the former Yugoslavia

Reading Assignments – general:

Goldman: 299-317, 323-331, 333-343
Roskin: 170-186
Akhavan and Howse: 13-28

Reading Assignments on Slovenia:

Lancek: 5-7, 11
Mežnarić and Uli in Rueschemeyer: 153-169
Reading Assignments on Macedonia:

Danforth, 1993: 3-10
Danforth, 1995: 28-78

Reading Assignments on Bosnia:

Friedman: 7-21
Akhavan and Howse: 153-163

Film.
Midterm Exam #2

Week 14  Albania

Reading Assignments:

Hall: 3-15, 19-21, 25-53, 57-59
Sickle and Iwaskiw: xxvii-xxix, 57-59, 66-71, 74-99
Tarifa in Rueschemeyer: 133-145

Week 15  Ethnic Minorities

Reading Assignment:

Bárány: 321-344

Week 16  General discussion

Final Exam – Good Luck!

Bibliography

Required Literature


**Recommended Literature**


Calcutta: Seagull, 1999. Vatsyayan, Kapila. Bharata: The Natyashastra. The detailed syllabus with suggested readings, teaching plans, testing/evaluation pattern and learning outcomes for two semesters under CBCS is as follows: English language through literature I & II, English fluency I & II, English proficiency I & II.


Draft Guidelines for Teachers of English. These Teacher Guidelines have been developed in association with the revised Leaving Certificate English syllabus, through the NCCA course committee, as a resource for teachers in the implementation of the new course. The Guidelines are intended as both a permanent resource for teachers and a resource for use in the in-career development programme for teachers, sponsored by the Department of Education and Science. These Guidelines are not prescriptive. They provide suggestions for teachers in relation to teaching practice.

The second week of the course will meet at the Baca campus. We will also have some afternoon sessions, so please stay on top of the syllabus. Reading assignments are to be completed on the day they are listed below. Three required books will be available in the CC Bookstore: Beaumarchais, The Marriage of Figaro. Goethe, The Sorrows of Young Werther. Madame de Staël, Corinne or Italy. The Marriage of Figaro libretto will be handed out in class.