



SAINT LOUIS
UNIVERSITY
Madrid Campus

POLS-351-DEMOCRACY IN EASTERN EUROPE

Fall Term 2010 – Mon. & Wed. 16.00-17.15

Office hours: Mon-Wed.14:00-16:00 p.m. and Tues.-Thurs. 13:50-14:50

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Final Exam Wed. 15th. December (15:30-18:30)



Objective:

In this course we will focus on three topics within the broad realm of "European politics:"
1) East Europe's path from Stalinism to EU membership; 2) the European Union; 3) the current policy struggles concerning the viability of the European social welfare state.

We shall examine the "Stalinization" of Eastern Europe after World War Two. We will review the 1989 revolutions and the difficulties that Eastern Europe has faced in its so-called "return to Europe." We will also focus on contemporary European efforts to reform their welfare states and their labor markets. We will examine these reforms with an eye on Thomas Friedman's prediction that the Europeans will have to put on the

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"golden straightjacket." We will consider the questions: Will the pressure of globalization force European political system away from social democracy and toward market liberalism? Some of the questions that will guide this course are: Is Europe showing the rest of the world what the future looks like in terms of supranationalism? Why is there a contrast between the material prosperity and political stability of Western and Eastern Europe? How far will the Europeans travel down the road of international integration?

Grade Scale:

A	93%-100%
A-	90%-92%
B+	87%-89%
B	83%-86%
B-	80%-82%
C+	73%-79%
C	67%-72%
C-	60%-66%
D	50%-59%
F	0%-49%

Course Credits: 3

Grade Components:

20% Mid-term Exam
30% Paper and oral presentation
35% Final Exam
15% Participation

Course Requirements: Students should complete the readings before the date for which they are listed in the course outline. Students will be graded on the basis of a mid-term exam, one paper (1,500 words), and a final exam. Participation in class will also be evaluated.

COURSE BOOK

Robert Bideleux and Ian Jeffries, *A History of Eastern Europe*, Second Edition, New York, Routledge, 2007.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Wed. September, 1st.
Introduction to the Course. Definitions.

Mon. September, 6th.
The Balkanization of South-Eastern Europe. From Ancient Times to the Ottoman Empire.

Reading: Bideleux & Jeffries, (henceforth, Course Book) Chapters 1, (pp.25-38), 3 (pp.43-60), 4 (pp. 61-69) and 5 (pp. 70-75).

Wed. September, 8th.
The Balkanization of South-Eastern Europe. From the Ottoman Empire to the First World War.

Reading: Course Book, Chapters 6 (pp.76-90), 7 (pp. 91-109), 8 (pp.110-122) and 9 (pp. 123-131).

Mon. September, 13th.

East Central Europe from Roman times to the ‘parting of ways’ between East and West.

Reading: Course Book: Chapters 10 (pp. 131-139), 11 (pp. 140-160) and 12 pp. 160-164).

Wed. September, 15th.

Eastern Central Europe during the Habsburg Ascendancy I. From the emergence of Austrian Hegemony to the Revolutions of 1848.

Reading: Course Book: Chapter 13 (pp. 165-174). 14 (pp. 175-199) and 15 (200-212).

Mon. September, 20th.

Eastern Central Europe during the Habsburg Ascendancy II. From the Revolutions of 1848 to the First World War.

Reading Course Book: Chapter 16 (pp. 213-230), 17, (pp. 231-261) and 18 (262-277).

Wed. September, 22nd.

Eastern Central Europe during the Habsburg Ascendancy II. From the Revolutions of 1848 to the First World War.

Reading Course Book: Chapter 19 (pp.278-299), 20, (pp. 300-305) and 21 (pp. 306-316).

Mon. September, 27th.

Inter-War Eastern Europe. I. Economic Depression and its Consequences

Reading Course Book: Chapter 22 (pp. 317-332), 23 (pp. 333-343) and 24 (pp.344-350).

Wed. September, 29th.

Screening of Documentary: The Slavs.

First Mid-Term Exam Monday October 4th.

Wed. October, 6th.

Inter-War Eastern Europe. II. The Failure of Democracy and the lure of Fascism

Reading: Course Book: Chapter 26 (pp. 364-371) and 27 (pp.372-399).

Mon. October, 11th.

The Second World War and Mass Genocide.

Reading: Course Book: Chapter 29 (pp. 418-457).

Wed. October, 13th.

The East-West Partition of Europe

Reading: Course Book: Chapter 30 (p. 457-463) 31 (pp. 464-488).

Mon. October, 18th.

The ‘National’ roads to Socialism. Crisis: Hungary 1956, Czechoslovakia 1968

Reading: Course Book: Chapter 32 (pp. 489-503).

Wed. October, 20th.

Screening of Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck's. Film 'The Life of Others'

Mon. October, 25th.

The Revolutions of 1989

Reading: Course Book: Chapter 33, (pp. 504-536).

Wed. October, 27th.

Screening of Documentary on the Revolutions of 1989.

Wed. November, 3rd.

Second Mid-Term Exam. Essay due.

Post Communist Transformations

Reading: Course Book, Chapters 34, (pp. 537-555) and 35, (pp. 556-573)

Mon. November, 8th.

The Return to Europe. Integration into the EU and NATO.

Reading: Course Book, Chapter 36 (pp. 574-618).

Country Cases.

Wed. November, 10th.

Poland

Reading: Handout: White *et al.*, pp. 23-38

Mon. November, 15th.

The Czech Republic and Slovakia

Reading: White *et al.*, pp. 41-56

Wed. November, 17th.

Hungary

Reading: White *et al.*, pp. 57-71

Mon. November, 22nd.

The Balkans: Old and New Order

Reading: White *et al.*, pp. 74-89

Wed. November, 24th.

Post-Soviet Europe: Democracy or Pseudo Democracy?

Reading: White *et al.*, pp. 92-111

Mon. November, 29th.

Democratization in Comparative Perspective

Reading: White *et al.*, pp. 269-287

Wed. December, 1st.
Whither Eastern Europe?

Mon. December 13th.
General Review of the Course.

Final Exam Wed.15th. December (15:30-18:30)

ADDITIONAL READING LIST:

Recommended Books:

Maravall, José María, **Regimes, Politics and Markets: Democratization and Economic Change in Southern and Eastern Europe**, Oxford: Oxford University Press 1997.

Nagle, J., and Mahr, A., **Democracy and Democratization: Post-Communist Europe in Comparative Perspective**, London: Sage, 1999.

Nelson, J., Tilly, C., and Walker, L., **Transforming Post-Communist Political Economies**, Washington: National Academy Press, 1997.

O'Donnell, G., Schmitter P. C., and Whitehead, L., **Transitions from Authoritarian Rule: Comparative Perspectives**, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1986.

O'Donnell, G. and Schmitter P. C., **Transitions from Authoritarian Rule: Tentative Conclusions about Uncertain Democracies**, Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1986.

Przeworski, Adam, **Democracy and the Market: Political and Economic Reforms in Eastern Europe and Latin America**, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991.

Schöpflin, George, **Politics in Eastern Europe 1945-1991**, Oxford: Blackwell, 1993.

Szoboszlai, György, **Democracy and Political Transformation: Theories and East-Central European Realities**, Budapest: Hungarian Political Science Association, 1991.

Vanhanen, Tatu, **Prospects of Democracy: A Study of 172 Countries**, London: Routledge, 1997.

Classroom Philosophy:

- You are required to attend each class session prepared to participate and think critically during lecture and discussion sessions. I will value creativity and criticism.
All required assignments are to be submitted on time. Essays that are handed in late will be
- marked down by 10% a day. With regard to matters pertaining to academic honesty and plagiarism, you are reminded that cheating is a deplorable behaviour, which leads to an “F” grade and possible expulsion from the University. A detailed statement of the policy may be found at:

http://spain.slu.edu/academics/policies_&_procedures/docs/Academic_integrity.pdf

- Attendance is a must. 15% of your final grade will be given on your participation in class.
- Anyone who has problems to attend class or deliver work on time should speak to the Professor **beforehand**.
- Punctuality is needed. Tardiness is at best a rude disruption to your fellow classmates who are punctual.

Special Accommodations

Any student who qualifies for special accommodations due to a learning disability or physical handicap should contact Counselling/Disability Services. Please phone the office at 915545858 (ext.230), or send an email to yandrew1@slu.edu. Students may also stop by the Counselling/Disability Services office in the Manresa building. Confidentiality will be observed in all inquiries.