Syllabus

DEMOCRACY AND MARKET ECONOMY IN POST-COMMUNIST E - 56262

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Political Science

Academic year: 3

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
All post-Communist states has since then attempted to create stable democratic regimes, and successful market economies. Some, like Poland and the Czech Republic, succeeded. Others, like Russia and Ukraine, were far less successful. The course proves causes of these successes and failures.

Course/Module aims:
The purpose of this course is to examine where democracy is going in this region and what are its chances of survival. In Part One main theoretical explanations of democratic survival will be analyzed, while in Part Two the analysis would focus on the developments in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
At the end of the course the student will be able to evaluate and compare political and economic developments in post-Communist Europe.

Attendance requirements(%):
100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecturing and class discussion

Course/Module Content:
See detailed description of the Required Reading (below)

Required Reading:
PART ONE: THEORY

Subject 1: Requirements for Stable Democracy
Adam Przeworski et al, Sustainable Democracy, pp. 1-64.

Subject 2: Institutional Economic, Elite, and Political Culture Explanations

Subject 3: Are Neo-Liberal Economic Reforms Necessary for New Democracies?

Adam Przeworski et al, Sustainable Democracy, pp. 67-106.

PART TWO: POST-COMMUNIST EUROPE IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

Subject 4: Problems and Challenges of Democracy in Post-Communist Europe


Subject 5: Politics in Post-Communist Europe: A Comparative Perspective 1


M. Steven Fish, “The Dynamics of Democratic Erosion,” in Richard D. Anderson, Jr., M. Steven Fish, Stephen E. Hanson, and Philip G. Roeder, Postcommunism and the Theory of Democracy, pp. 54-95.
Jeffrey S. Kopstein and David A. Reilly, “Geographic Diffusion and Transformation of...
Subject 6: Economics in Post-Communist Europe: A Comparative Perspective 2


Subject 7: Democracy and EU Enlargement Debate


PART THREE: SINGLE COUNTRY CASES

Subject 8: Poland


Subject 9: Czech Republic and Hungary
Orenstein, Out of the Red, pp. 61-95.
Keith Crane, “Privatization Policies,” in Braun and Barany, Dilemmas of Transition, 203-223.

Subject 10: Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova


Subject 11: Russia


Subject 12: Ukraine


Subject 13: Belarus


Additional Reading Material:
See course website (Moodle)

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 10 %
Project work 60 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 30 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:
None