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ETHNIC AND NATIONAL MINORITIES IN CENTRAL EUROPE

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I. Description and the Aim of the Course

This one-semester course is part of the Central European Studies Program (CESP). CESP is offered to foreign students under the framework of Erasmus program, or on the individual basis. The ENM course is not opened to the Czech students of DPES. The course deals with the history and current situation of the ethnic and national minorities in Central European countries after the breakdown of Austro-Hungarian Empire. Special attention is given to autochthonous minorities on the territory, the Czech-German question, relations of the Czechs and Slovaks, situation of Hungarian and Polish minorities etc. Important part of the course are the developments of the situation of the Roma minority on the territory as well as current debate concerning the Roma. Also the current debate raised by the migrant crises in the EU and CE will be followed.

II. Methods

There are lectures combined with seminars ones a week. During the semester students have presentations based on seminar readings and/or additional materials. Another part of the seminar is the discussion of presented material or other assigned readings.

The readings will be available in the PDF format (please see the course email), other readings and additional materials will be available in the form of hard copy in the course file or distributed by the lecturer.

III. Course Requirements

Class participation:

Students are expected to attend classes and seminars. More than two missed classes will automatically result in a failing grade. Students are responsible for reading the required assigned materials. Readings will serve as the basis for class discussions and student presentations. At times assigned readings may be supplemented with additional materials.

Presentations

Students are required to prepare oral presentations and present them in the PowerPoint format (PPT). The presentation will be approx. 15 minutes, based on and according to the content of the assigned material. Students are expected to send their PPT presentations on the common course e-mail address within 2 days after the oral presentation.

Please, make sure that you come to the seminar the day when your presentation is due. Any presenter who cannot come the day of his/her presentation must inform the lecturer at least 48 hours in advance (see the lecturer's private e-mail address above). You should provide the lecturer with a substantial reason (illness, etc.) for your absence.

IV. Exams and Evaluation

The final grade will be based on the results of final exam (80%) and participation and activity in seminars (20%). Final exam will combine methods of multiple choice and opened questions. 60% of correct answers are required to receive a grade. Students will be permitted to postpone an examination only in the case of medical emergency. Any student who misses an exam without receiving prior permission from the instructor will automatically receive an F for the exam.

The participation at classes and seminars, fulfilment of all requirements (knowledge of assigned readings and the topics of the lectures) are the conditions for successful completion of the course (receiving the credits and the grade, the grades' scale is as follows: A (1), B (1-2), C (2), D (2-3), E (3), F (Fail)).

Final exam dates:

Wednesday, May 9, 9:45-10:30, room 1.09.

In case of a failing grade in the first term of the test, there will be a second term to retake the test on **Wednesday, May 16, 9:45-10:30, room 1.09.**

Your grades will be available within 10 days after the exam and they will be sent to the common e-mail address and placed into the university e-system Stag. In case of any problems, contact the lecturer via e-mail: m.zapletalova@upol.cz.

V. Course Program

Lectures and Seminars:

Tuesdays: 11:30 – 13:00, room 2.13

1st WEEK: February 20

INTRODUCTION INTO THE SUBJECT, ASSIGNMENT OF PRESENTATIONS

2nd WEEK: February 27

LECTURE: TERMINOLOGY, ETHNIC AND NATIONAL MINORITIES: MODELS AND APPROACHES, CENTRAL EUROPEAN CONTEXT: FRAMEWORK

Readings:

SULLIVAN, Terry: *Nationalism and the Nation State in Central Europe*. In: CORDEL, Karl (ed.): *The Politics of Ethnicity in Central Europe*. London, Palgrave Macmillan 2000, pp. 6-25. (Reading) (PDF)

CORDELL, Karl: *Ethnic Conflict and Conciliation in Central Europe*. In: CORDEL, Karl (ed.): *The Politics of Ethnicity in Central Europe*. London, Palgrave Macmillan 2000, pp. 26-49. (Reading) (PDF)

SALVENDY, John T: *The Dynamics of Prejudice in Central Europe*. International Journal of Psychotherapy, vol. 4, no. 2, 1999. (PDF)

3rd WEEK: March 6

LECTURE: CZECH - GERMAN QUESTION, GERMAN MINORITY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC

SEMINAR:

The Problematic Aspects of the Czech-German Relations in 1990s and after. (Presentation)

Readings:

The expulsion of Sudeten Germans is still raw. The Economist. May 2013.

<https://www.economist.com/blogs/easternapproaches/2013/05/czech-politics>

CORDELL, Karl – WOLFF, Stefan: *Ethnic Germans in Poland and the Czech Republic: A Comparative Evaluation*. Nationalities Papers, vol. 33, no. 2, 2005, pp. 255-276. (Reading) (PDF).

KUNŠTÁT, Miroslav: *Czech-German Relations after the Fall of the Iron Curtain*. Czech Sociological Review, vol. 6, no. 2, 1998, pp. 149-172. (Reading) (PDF)

4th WEEK: March 13

LECTURE: HUNGARY: MINORITIES AND MINORITY POLITICS, POLISH MINORITY IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC: HISTORIC OVERVIEW AND PRESENT CHALLENGES

Readings:

VIZI, Balázs: Hungary: A model with lasting problems. In: RECHEL, Bernd (ed.): *Minority Rights in Central and Eastern Europe*. London, Routledge 2009, pp. 119-134. (PDF)

VERMEERSCH, Peter: *Poland: Minority policies in a homogenized state*. In: RECHEL, Bernd (ed.): *Minority Rights in Central and Eastern Europe*. London, Routledge 2009, pp. 166-179. (Reading) (PDF)

FLEMING, Michael: *The New Minority Rights regime in Poland: The Experience of German, Belorussian and Jewish Minorities since 1989*. Nations and Nationalism, vol. 8, no. s4, 2002, pp. 531-548. (Reading) (PDF)

KOPEČEK, Lubomír: *Study of Interest Representation Development of Polish Minority in the Czech Republic*. Central European Political Studies Review. Vol. IV, 2002, n. 4. (Reading) (PDF)

5th WEEK: March 20

LECTURE: SLOVAKIA: MINORITIES AND MINORITY POLITICS, HUNGARIAN MINORITY IN SLOVAKIA

Readings:

AUER, Stefan: Slovakia: From marginalization of ethnic minorities to political participation (and back?). In: RECHEL, Bernd (ed.): *Minority Rights in Central and Eastern Europe*. London, Routledge 2009, pp. 195-209. (PDF)

Hungarian Minorities in Postcommunist Slovakia and Romania. In: JENNE, Erin K.: *Ethnic Bargaining. The Paradox of Minority Empowerment*. London, Cornell University Press 2007, pp. 91-124. (PDF)

HARRIS, Erika. Moving politics beyond the State: The Hungarian minority in Slovakia. *Perspectives*, 27, 2006, pp. 43-123. (PDF)

6th WEEK: March 27

LECTURE: ROMA MINORITY IN CENTRAL EUROPE 1: CASE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC

SEMINAR: ROMANI HOLOCAUST

Readings:

O Baro Porrajmos – The Holocaust In: HANCOCK, Ian: *We are the Romani People*. University of Hertfordshire Press 2005, pp. 34-51. (Presentation) (PDF)

7th WEEK: April 3

LECTURE: ROMA MINORITY IN CENTRAL EUROPE 2: CASE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Readings:

Roma in the Czech Republic. A political party, at last. The Economist, September 2013.

<https://www.economist.com/blogs/easternapproaches/2013/09/roma-czech-republic>

Further Readings:

MRÓZ, Lech: *Poland: The Clash of Tradition and Modernity*. In: Will GUY (ed.): *Between Past and Future: The Roma of Central and Eastern Europe*. University of Hertfordshire Press 2001, pp. 252-267. (Reading) (PDF)

KOVATS, Martin: *Hungary: Politics, Difference and Equality*. In: Will GUY (ed.): *Between Past and Future: The Roma of Central and Eastern Europe*. University of Hertfordshire Press 2001, pp. 333-350. (Reading) (PDF)

GUY, Will: *Romani Identity and post-Communist policy*. In: Will GUY (ed.): *Between Past and Future: The Roma of Central and Eastern Europe*. University of Hertfordshire Press 2001, pp. 3-32. (Reading) (PDF)

8th WEEK: April 10

LECTURE/SEMINAR: ROMA CHILDREN IN THE CZECH SCHOOLING SYSTEM AND INCLUSION REFORM

Documentary film: Walls
Directed by: Arie Farnam, CR-USA

9th WEEK: April 17

SEMINAR: ROMANI INTEGRATION QUESTIONS

Dealing with Discrimination: Roma in the Czech Republic. DW, Report by Markus Reichert

FAWN, Rick: *Czech Attitudes towards the Roma: 'Expecting More of Havel's Country'?* Europe-Asia Studies, vol. 53, no. 8, 2001), pp. 1193-1219. (PDF) (Presentation)

SCHEFFEL, David, Z: *Slovak Roma on the Threshold of Europe*. Anthropology Today, vol. 20, no. 1, 2004), pp. 6-12. (PDF) (Reading)

10th WEEK: April 24

SEMINAR/DISCUSSION: CE AND NATIONAL MINORITIES, EUROPE AND THE NEW MIGRATION, INTEGRATION QUESTIONS AND APPROACHES

11th, 12th WEEK: May 1, May 8
State holidays

13th WEEK: Wednesday May 9
TEST: 9:45-10:30, room 1.09