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# CENTRAL EUROPE AND THE EUROPEAN UNION

SYLLABUS – SPRING SEMESTER 2017/2018 (course code: KPE/VCI)

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## I. Course Goals

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*The fall of the Iron Curtain and the collapse of communism in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) represent a dramatic turning point in contemporary political history. The „annus mirabilis“ of 1989 opened a way to political, economic and social changes not anticipated by anyone even weeks before the changes swept the region. This course will focus on the international dimension of transition in Central Europe (Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia) which had strong cultural and institutional ties to Western Europe before the post-World War II and the subsequent communist takeover, and thus logically embarked on the path toward re-joining key European and Transatlantic organizations. The course will examine the CE countries' road to EU membership in 2004 and assess how EU accession has affected or changed them, including their domestic politics, governing institutions and public policies. It will also examine how the CE countries have behaved as EU member states, addressing the questions: What are the CE countries' interests in the EU and how have them sought to influence EU policymaking? How have their interests and behavior been shaped by the countries' position as: new member states; relatively small member state (all apart from Poland); relatively poor member states; and post-communist member states? The course will also deal with the security dimension of the relationship covering all relevant developments connected with both the EU and NATO.*

## II. Teaching Methods

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*In general, there will be two hours of lecture or seminar each week. Attendance at both lectures and seminars is compulsory. The lectures by the instructor are meant to cover the topics of the week, but not at the expense of effective learning. Students are welcome to cut in with questions, differing opinions and other pertinent contributions during the lecture. Seminars are to provide opportunities for teams of students to take charge of a session, make a presentation (no more than 15 minutes each) and lead discussions on a question or an issue. For this purpose, it is recommended that a one to three page “pointed outline” be distributed. Observing each other's performance may also be a helpful learning process. The instructor will assist in preparation and give his critical comments.*

### III. Course Requirements

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Course readings are listed in the course outline below. Students will be responsible for reading the required material PRIOR to the seminar for which it has been assigned. Readings will serve as the basis for class discussions. The instructor reserves the right to alter the readings in order to facilitate the class. The students are required to regularly follow the latest developments connected with the course topics using the [www.europa.eu.int](http://www.europa.eu.int), [www.euractiv.com](http://www.euractiv.com), [www.politico.eu](http://www.politico.eu), [www.euobserver.com](http://www.euobserver.com) websites, *The Economist* ([www.economist.com](http://www.economist.com)) and the *Financial Times* ([www.ft.com](http://www.ft.com)).

In order to complete the course the students need to have full attendance (only **one** class can be missed, but only when excused), pass a written test (open-question test) and submit an essay (electronically via e-mail). Students are encouraged to come up with their own suggestions regarding the essay topics. The essay should meet all requirements for an analytical work and be properly footnoted. **The essay deadline is May 24, 2018 by 5pm.**

Work will be submitted according to the following instructions:

3500 words (+/- 300 words), editor Microsoft Word, size 12, spacing 1,5 in Times New Roman, front page, footnotes, list of sources, pagination.

Plagiarism is automatically resulting in a failing grade for the course.

### IV. Assessment

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The final course grade will be determined as follows:

Class Participation and Attendance	20%
Final Essay	50%
Written Test	30%

#### Grading Scale:

A = 100 – 90 %

B = 89.9 – 80 %

C = 79.9 – 75 %

D = 74.9 – 70 %

E = 69.9 – 60 %

F = 59 % or less

### V. Course Content

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#### Lectures and seminars:

Thursday 13:15-14:45, Room No. 2.31 (building at Křižkovského 12)

Lecture (L)

Seminar (S)

Compulsory Reading (CR)

#### Core Texts:

Nugent, Neill (ed.) *European Union Enlargement*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004 (Library).

Fagan, Adam and Petr Kopecký (eds) *The Routledge Handbook of East European Politics*. London and New York: Routledge, 2018.

Baun, Michael and Marek, Dan (eds) *The New Member States and the European Union: Foreign Policy and Europeanization*. London and New York: Routledge, 2013 (Library).

\*\*\* **Compulsory readings are highlighted in blue**

### **WEEK 1 – 22. 2. 2018**

**L:** COURSE INTRODUCTION

### **WEEK 2 – 1. 3. 2018**

**L:** THE ORIGINS OF CENTRAL EUROPEAN COOPERATION

*Johnson, L. (1996) Central Europe: Enemies, Neighbors, Friends. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 12 and Epilogue (CD-ROM).*

*Kopeček, M. (2002) Politics, Antipolitics, and Czechs in Central Europe: The Idea of “Visegrád Cooperation” and Its Reflection in Czech Politics in the 1990s. In: Questionable Returns, ed. A. Bove, Vienna: IWM Junior Visiting Fellows Conferences, Vol. 12 (CD-ROM).*

*Wozniak, T.(2004) East European déjà vu, Eurozine, 2004 (CD-ROM).*

*Drulák, P.(ed.) (2001) National and European Identities in EU Enlargement. Prague: Institute of International Relations (CD-ROM, Chapters 1-4 will be assigned for student presentations).*

### **WEEK 3 - 8. 3. 2018**

**S:** THE ORIGINS OF CENTRAL EUROPEAN COOPERATION

*Drulák, P.(ed.) (2001) National and European Identities in EU Enlargement. Prague: Institute of International Relations (CD-ROM, Chapters 1-3 will be assigned for student presentations):*

- *Brodsky, J.: The Czech Experience of Identity. In: Drulák, P.(ed.) (2001) National and European Identities in EU Enlargement. Prague: Institute of International Relations, pp. 21-38 (Presentation 1).*
- *Krzeminski, I.: The National Identity and European Consciousness of Poles. In: Drulák, P.(ed.) (2001) National and European Identities in EU Enlargement. Prague: Institute of International Relations, pp. 57-68 (Presentation 2).*
- *Balogh, A.: Hungarian National and European Identity. In: Drulák, P.(ed.) (2001) National and European Identities in EU Enlargement. Prague: Institute of International Relations, pp. 69-78 (Presentation 3).*

### **WEEK 4 - 15. 3. 2018**

**L:** CENTRAL EUROPE AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY 1957-1989

*Cutler, M. (1987) Harmonizing EEC-CMEA Relations: never the twain shall meet? International Affairs, Vol.4, No. 3 (CD-ROM).*

*European Commission (1989) The EC's Relations with Comecon and Its East European Members. Brussels, 1989 (CD-ROM).*

*Pinder, J. (1991) The European Community and Eastern Europe. London: Pinter, pp.8-36.*

## **WEEK 5 - 22. 3. 2018**

READING WEEK – NO CLASS

## **WEEK 6 - 29. 3. 2018**

**S:** CENTRAL EUROPE AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY 1957-1989

*Van Ham, P. (1993) The EC, Eastern Europe and European Unity. London: Pinter (CD-ROM, Chapters 4, 5, and 7 will be assigned for student presentations):*

- *Chapter 4 – Moscow's Response to West European Integration, 1947 – 1973 (Presentation 1)*
- *Chapter 6 – The Lack of an EC Ostpolitik, 1957 – 1985 (Presentation 2)*
- *Chapter 7 – The EC and the CMEA : Deaf-Mutes Communicate (Presentation 3)*

## **WEEK 7 - 5. 4. 2018**

**L:** CENTRAL EUROPE AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AFTER 1989

*Nugent, N. (2004) European Union Enlargement. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan. Chapters listed below:*

- *The 10 + 2 Enlargement Round: Opportunities and Challenges--N.Nugent*
- *The Unfolding of the 10 + 2 Enlargement Round-- N.Nugent*
- *Institutions and Governance--D.Phinnemore*
- *Intergovernmental Politics--M.Baun*
- *European Identity – L. Buonanno, and A. Deakin*
- *The Citizenry: Legitimacy and Democracy – J. Mather*
- *Intergovernmental Politics – M. Baun*

*Henderson, K.(ed.) (1999) Back to Europe: Central and Eastern Europe and the European Union. London: UCL Press (Library).*

*Mayhew, A. (2001) Enlargement of the EU: an analysis of the negotiations with the CEE candidate countries. SEI Working Paper No. 39, 2001 (CD-ROM).*

## **WEEK 8 - 12. 4. 2018**

**S:** CENTRAL EUROPE AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AFTER 1989

*Sedelmeier, U.: Enlargement. In: Wallace, H., Pollack, M. and Young, A. (eds.): Policy-making in the EU. Oxford: OUP, 2015, Chapter 17 (CD-ROM) (Presentation 1)*

*Telička, P. – Barták, K.: The Accession of the Czech Republic to the EU. In: Vassiliou, Gerge: The Accession Story: The EU from Fifteen to Twenty-Five Countries. Oxford: OUP, 2007, pp. 144-156 (Presentation 2).*

*Balász, P. et all: 25 years after the fall of the Iron Curtain: The state of integration of East and West in the European Union. Brussels: European Commission, 2014, Chapter 1 and 2 (CD-ROM).*

## **WEEK 9 - 19. 4. 2018**

### **S: EU'S EASTERN ENLARGEMENT: DOMESTIC POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONTEXT**

*Roberts, A.: Democracy and democratisation in post- communist Europe. In: Fagan, Adam and Petr Kopecký: The Routledge Handbook of East European Politics. London: Routledge, 2018, pp. 9-26 (Presentation 1).*

*Mudde, C.: Politics at the fringes? Eastern Europe's populists, racists, and extremists. In: Fagan, Adam and Petr Kopecký: The Routledge Handbook of East European Politics. London: Routledge, 2018, pp. 254-264 (Presentation 2).*

*Ágh, A.: The Triple Crisis in the New Member States: The Historical Trajectory of nms-8 in the Past Quarter Century. Southeastern Europe, Volume 39, Issue 3, pp. 294 – 317 (Presentation 3).*

*Balász, P. et al: 25 years after the fall of the Iron Curtain: The state of integration of East and West in the European Union. Brussels: European Commission, 2014, Chapter 3 and 4 (CD-ROM).*

*Kruliš, Kryštof (2014) Enlargement Ten Years on: New Europe's Contribution to Single Market. Research Paper 1/2014, Prague: AMO.*

*Barysch, Katinka (2006) Enlargement two years on: Economic success or political failure? London: Centre for European Reform.*

*Barysch, Katinka (2008) New Europe and the Economic Crises. London: Centre for European Reform.*

*Allen, David (2008) Cohesion Policy Pre- and Post-Enlargement. In: Baun, Michael - Marek, Dan (eds.) (2008) EU Cohesion Policy after Enlargement. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, p. 15-33.*

*Marek, Dan and Baun, Michael (2010) The Czech Republic and the European Union. London and New York: Routledge, Chapter 4 – The Czech Economy and EU Integration.*

*Baun, Michael - Kouba, Karel – Marek, Dan (2009) Evaluating the Effects of the EU Common Agriculture Policy in a New Member State: the Case of the Czech Republic. Journal of Contemporary European Studies, Vol. 17, No, 2, s. 271 - 292.*

## **WEEK 10 - 26. 4. 2018**

### **S: THE IMPACT OF EU EASTWARD ENLARGEMENT: FOREIGN POLICY AND EUROPEANIZATION**

*Dimitrova, A.: Enlargement and Europeanisation in Central and Eastern Europe: accession and beyond. In: Fagan, Adam and Petr Kopecký: The Routledge Handbook of East European Politics. London: Routledge, 2018, pp. 333-344 (Presentation 1).*

*Börzel, T.- Schimmelfennig, F.: Coming together or drifting apart? The EU's political integration capacity in Eastern Europe. Journal of European Public Policy, 2017, Vol. 24, No. 2, pp. 278-296 (Presentation 2).*

*Kaczynski, Piotr Maciej (2008) The Fifth Enlargement of the EU, Five Years On: The Case of Poland and the Czech Republic. IFRI Brussels, Europe Vision No. 2, 2008 (CD-ROM) (Presentation 3).*

Copeland, P.: *Central and Eastern Europe: Negotiating Influence in an Enlarged European Union*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, 2014, 66:3, 467-487

Joanna Kaminska: *Poland: the new agenda setter*. In: Michael Baun and Dan Marek (eds) (2013): *The New Member States and the European Union: Foreign Policy and Europeanization*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 22-36.

Csaba Tőro: *Hungary: the Europeanization of policy perspectives and purposes*. In: Michael Baun and Dan Marek (eds) (2013): *The New Member States and the European Union: Foreign Policy and Europeanization*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 37-52.

Michal Kořan: *Coloring it Europe? the Europeanization of Czech foreign policy*. In: Michael Baun and Dan Marek (eds) (2013): *The New Member States and the European Union: Foreign Policy and Europeanization*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 53-67.

Jozef Bútorá and Veronika Pulišová: *Slovakia: learning to add value to EU foreign policy*. In: Michael Baun and Dan Marek (eds) (2013): *The New Member States and the European Union: Foreign Policy and Europeanization*. London and New York: Routledge, 68-83.

Marek, Dan and Baun, Michael (2010) *The Czech Republic and the European Union*. London and New York: Routledge, Chapter 6 - *The Czech Republic as an EU Actor*.

Baun, Michael and Marek, Dan (2010) *Czech Foreign Policy and EU Integration: European and Domestic Sources*. *Perspectives on European Politics and Society*, Vol. 11, No. 1, 2010.

Marek, Dan and Baun, Michael (2010) *The Czech Republic and the European Union*. London and New York: Routledge, Chapter 6 - *The Czech Republic as an EU Actor*.

## **WEEK 11 - 3. 5. 2018**

### **S: CENTRAL EUROPE'S SECURITY**

Webber, M.: *NATO enlargement and the post- communist states*. In: In: Fagan, Adam and Petr Kopecký: *The Routledge Handbook of East European Politics*. London: Routledge, 2018, pp. 346-357 (Presentation 1).

Wolczyk, S. and Curry, J. (2011) *Central and East European Politics: From Communism to Democracy*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, chapter 7 - *Security Issues: NATO and Beyond*, pp. 143-160 (Presentation 2).

Lašas, A. (2010) *European Union and NATO Expansion: Central and Eastern Europe*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, chapter 3 – *NATO Enlargement*, pp. 65-102.

Cottey, A. (1998) *Central Europe after NATO Enlargement*. NATO Fellowship Paper (CD-ROM).

Henderson, K.(ed.) (1999) *Back to Europe: Central and Eastern Europe and the European Union*. London: UCL Press, Chapter 2, 3, 4 (Library).

## **WEEK 12 - 10. 5. 2018**

### **FINAL TEST**