

## STUDY SUBJECTS' PROGRAMME

Subject code	Subject group	Credits	Subject certified	Subject certification valid until	Reg. No.
BRS5002	C	6 ECTS	2011 06 01	2013 06 01	

<b>Course type (compulsory or optional)</b>	<b>compulsory</b>
<b>Course level (study cycle)</b>	<b>Master</b>
<b>Semester the course is delivered</b>	<b>spring</b>
<b>Study form (face-to-face or distant)</b>	<b>Face-to-face</b>

### **Title**

TAUTINIAI SOCIALINIAI JUDEJIMAI BALTIJOS REGIONE IR CENTRINĖJE RYTŲ EUROPOJE

### **Title in English**

NATIONAL SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN THE BALTIC REGION AND CENTRAL EAST EUROPE

### **Subject annotation in English**

Introducing students to the processes of national revivals in the former Communist Bloc countries.  
Creating the synthetic theoretical perspective able to analyze the uprising of nationalism and the breakup of the Communist Bloc.

Introducing students to the theories of collective action.

Theoretical material is presented at the lectures. At each seminar presentation of the topic connected with the lecture is made by the students and discussed by the class. Students are also writing a paper on the subject connected with the themes of the course.

Students are receiving historical background of the processes in the former Communist Bloc and theoretical background in the theories of collective action and nationalism, getting analytical skills to use the synthetic theoretical perspective for analyzing the national revival in the Central East Europe.

### **Necessary background knowledge for the study of the subject**

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### **Study outcomes**

After completing the course students will:

- have historical understanding of the processes in the former Communist Bloc;
- have background of the theories of collective action;
- be able to apply theoretical concepts of nationalism;
- acquire knowledge of the theories and practice of social movements;
- be able to use the synthetic theoretical perspective for analyzing the national revival in the Central East Europe;
- will be able to analyze the current situation in the region in connection with the historical trajectories;

### **Subject contents (up to 1200 symbols)**

Breakup of the Communist Bloc: the main actors and theoretical tools for its' analysis. The main theoretical perspectives of collective action. Political opportunity, collective action frames, mobilizing structures, new social movements. Theories of nationalism. Unobtrusive practices of contention. Gorbachevian reforms. Perestroika in Lithuania. The beginning of Sąjūdis. Dynamics of political opportunity in Lithuania. Collective action frames. Sąjūdis: resource mobilization and forms of protest. Mobilizing structures: organizing Sąjūdis. Typology of the revolutionary processes.

### **Study hours**

Lectures 30 hours, seminars 15 hours, team work 15 hours, individual work 100 hours.

### **Evaluation of study results**

Homework and its presentation – 20%, mid-term exam – 30%, final exam – 50%.

### **Literature**

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