

STUDY SUBJECTS' PROGRAMME

| Subject code | Subject group | Credits | Subject certified | Subject certification valid until | Reg. No. |
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| Course type (compulsory or optional) | compulsory |
| Course level (study cycle) | Master |
| Semester the course is delivered | Autumn |
| Study form (face-to-face or distant) | Face-to-face |

Title

BALTIJOS ŠALYS: NAUJASIS REGIONINIS VAIDMUO IR TAPATYBĖ

Title in English

THE BALTIC COUNTRIES: IDENTITY AND A NEW ROLE IN THE BALTIC REGION

Subject annotation in English

The aim of the course is to analyze the dynamics of national, regional and co-European identity, and that of the processes of general social and cultural transformation in the Baltic countries after disintegration of the Soviet Union. Students will be provided with modern literature in the field of the study of the Baltic region. Since literature is relevant to political science, intellectual history, social anthropology, and sociology, some of interesting interdisciplinary approaches to liberal arts and social sciences will be used.

Content: The divisions between Eastern and Western Europe: their culmination in the 20th century. Self-awareness in Lithuania and the search for a shared European identity before the Second World War. Isolation of the Baltic countries from 1940 to 1990. New debates regarding the role and place of the Baltic countries in Europe. Scandinavia and the Baltic countries. East Central Europe and Lithuania. The rebirth of the idea of Central Europe. The role of the USA in the modern history of the Baltic countries. Identity politics in the EU and in the Baltic States.

Necessary background knowledge for the study of the subject

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Study outcomes

After completing the course students will be able:

- to analyze the dynamics of national, regional and co-European identity, and that of the processes of general social and cultural transformation in the Baltic countries after disintegration of the Soviet Union.

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Study hours

Lectures 30 hours, team work 15 hours, individual work 75 hours.

Evaluation of study results

Discussion in class: 20 %; midterm: 30 %; exam: 50 %.

Literature

1. Leonidas Donskis, *Identity and Freedom: Mapping Nationalism and Social Criticism in Twentieth-Century Lithuania*, Routledge, 2002.
2. Kristian Gerner and Stefan Hedlund, *The Baltic States and the End of the Soviet Empire*, Routledge, 1997.
3. R. Inglehart. *Modernization and Postmodernization: Cultural, Economic and Political Change in 43 Societies*, Princeton University Press, 1997.
4. Alfred Erich Senn, *Gorbachev's Failure in Lithuania*, St. Martin's Press, 1995.
5. Alfred Erich Senn, *Lithuania Awakening*, University of California Press, 1990.

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