



TITLE OF THE COURSE:	Anthropology of Socialism and post-Socialism
Course code:	SAT 6004
Course group:	C
Faculty:	Faculty of Social Sciences
Study program:	Social anthropology
Level:	Master's
Semester:	Autumn
ECTS credits:	6
Language of instruction	English
Course lecturer/s:	Assoc.prof.dr.Kristina Šliavaite
Short course description:	<p>The course introduces to anthropological research of societies under socialism and after its demise. The countries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union will form a regional focus, but case studies from Asia are introduced for comparison. Topics include: the socialist state, society, and culture: ideology and everyday practice; scenarios of transformation: from planned economy to the neoliberal free market; changing class structures: new elites and new uncertainties; changing identifications: national, ethnic and religious; civil society, social memory</p>
Course content:	<p>Anthropology of socialism and post-socialism: research issues, geography, key terms. Theoretical conceptualisation of socialism: economy, politics, culture (Katherine Verdery, Finn Sivert Nielsen, Alexei Yurchak, Ledeneva, etc.). Symbols, rituals and everyday life under socialism and after its demise Privatisation and market economy in the post-Soviet space: anthropological perspectives. Class, consumption and identity. Biographies, social memory and history. Gender issues: ideology, state policy and identities in socialism and post-Socialism. Ethnicity, identity and conflicts in East Central Europe. Anthropology of civil society: the case of post-soviet space. Post-socialism and post-colonialism: looking for parallels and differences. Etc.</p>
Grading and evaluating student work in class and/or at the final	Mid -term exam – 30%, student's homework –20%, final exam – 50%.



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Required reading and additional study material	<p>Hann C.M. (ed.) (2003) <i>Postsocialism: Ideals, Ideologies and Practices in Eurasia</i>. London and New York: Routledge.</p> <p>Hohnen, Pernille (2003) <i>A Market out of Place? Remaking Economic, Social, and Symbolic Boundaries in Post-Communist Lithuania</i>. Oxford studies in social and cultural anthropology. Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Verdery, Katherine (1999) <i>The Political Lives of Dead Bodies: Reburial and Postsocialist Change</i>. New York: Columbia University Press.</p> <p>Schröder Ingo W., Asta Vonderau (eds.) (2008) <i>Changing economies and changing identities in postsocialist Eastern Europe</i>. Berlin: Lit Verlag</p> <p>Skultans, Vieda (1998) <i>The Testimony of Lives: Narrative and Memory in post-Soviet Latvia</i>. London and New York: Routledge.</p> <p>Verdery, Katherine (1996) <i>What Was Socialism, and What Comes Next?</i> Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press.</p> <p>Yurchak, Alexei (2006) <i>Everything Was Forever, Until it Was No More: the Last Soviet Generation</i>. Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press.</p> <p>Wedel, Janine R. (1998) <i>Collision and collusion: The Strange Case of Western Aid to Eastern Europe 1989-1998</i>. New York: St. Martin's Press.</p>
Additional information (if applicable)	