

# HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE POST-SOVIET SPACE

## 1. MODULE SUMMARY

### Aims and Summary

The module examines the question of human rights in the countries of the former Soviet Union. Some emphasis will also be given to the issue of human rights in other countries of the former Warsaw Pact, such as Poland, the Czech Republic or Hungary. The main objective of the module is a comprehensive overview of selected problems in human rights in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus or Moldova, as well as in the Caucasian countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia) and in the countries of Central Asia: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. The problems under discussion will be analyzed from a multidisciplinary point of view (political, legal, historical).

### Module Size and credits

<b>CATS points</b>	10.0
<b>ECTS credits</b>	5.0
<b>Total student study hours</b>	100
<b>Number of weeks</b>	12
<b>School responsible</b>	Łazarski University, Faculty of Economics and Management
<b>Academic Year</b>	2022-2023

### Entry Requirements (pre-requisites and co-requisites)

N/A

### Excluded Combinations

None

### Composition of module mark (including weighting of components)

Coursework 60%, composed of essay;

Final exam 40%

### Pass requirements

To pass the course a student must score at least 40% of the overall weighted average and not less than 35% for each assessment component (i.e. final exam and coursework). Re-assessment: coursework component(s) and/or examination as appropriate.

### Special Features

None

### Course stages for which this module is mandatory

BA Year 2 International Relations (level 5)

### Course stages for which this module is a core option

None

## 2. TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

### Intended Module Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the idea of human rights and contemporary standards for their protection
2. Identify key human rights questions
3. Acknowledge problems with human rights in different countries of the post-Soviet space

4. Assess the influence exerted by Russia on countries of Central Asia, the Caucasus as well as Eastern Europe and East Central Europe
5. Analyze new trends in the field of human rights protection.

### **Indicative Content**

- What are human rights? The UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the UN International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the European Convention on Human Rights, and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.
- The problem of human rights in the former Soviet Union.
- Civil liberties and other human rights in Russia after 1991.
- The question of human rights in the Commonwealth of Independent States.
- Human rights in the Baltic states (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania).
- Human rights in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine.
- Human rights in the Caucasian area (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia).
- The problem of human rights in Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan).
- Human rights in selected countries of Central and Eastern Europe (the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland).
- Consolidation.
- Economic conditions and the problem of human rights in the post-Soviet space.
- Theories of international relations, human rights and the Russian foreign policy.
- Censorship in the countries of the former Soviet Union.
- Human rights NGOs in Russia and other post-Soviet countries.
- Human rights greatest challenges in the countries of the former Soviet Union.

### **Teaching and Learning**

This module will be taught by means of seminars, workshops, and self-directed study.

Formative Assessment: Comments will be given on assessments, and tutorial guidance will be provided for coursework and exam.

Student activity and time spent on each activity comprises:

<b>Guided</b>	0 hours	(0%)
<b>Lecture</b>	0 hours	(0%)
<b>Self-guided</b>	60 hours	(60%)
<b>Seminar</b>	30 hours	(30%)
<b>Workshop</b>	10 hours	(10%)
<b>Total</b>	100 hours	

### **Method of Assessment**

Essay (60% – 6 Credits): 2500-3000 words, contributes to learning outcomes 1, 3, 5

Final exam (40% – 4 Credits): 100 minutes; contributes to learning outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

### **Re-sit**

Students failing any component of assessment, at the first attempt, are entitled to one re-sit attempt. This will be by new examination and/or new coursework scheduled for the next assessment opportunity. For coursework, if more than one element existed in the first attempt, this may be combined into one assessment for re-sit

### **Date of last amendment**

17-08-2014

### 3. MODULE RESOURCES

#### Essential Reading

Juviler, P., 2011. *Freedom's Ordeal: The Struggle for Human Rights and Democracy in Post-Soviet States*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

Feldbrugge, F.J.L., Simons, W.B., 2002. *Human Rights in Russia and Eastern Europe: Essays I in Honor of Ger. P. van den Berg*. New York: M. Nijhoff.

Weiler, J. D., 2004. *Human Rights in Russia: A Darker Side of Reform*. Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Rienner.

#### Required Equipment

None

### 4. MODULE ORGANISATION

#### Module leader

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#### Length and month of examination

100 minutes in June

#### Expected teaching timetable slots

Note that some tutorials/seminars may be provided at times other than those shown below. Timetable information should be verified with the School responsible for the module

No timetable information available

#### Subject Quality and Approval information

**Board of Study** Faculty Collaborative Provision Committee

**Subject Assessment Board** Faculty Council, Faculty of Economics and Management

#### Shortened title

**Date of approval by FCPC**