

# RUSSIA, EASTERN EUROPE AND SOVIET LEGACY

## 1. MODULE SUMMARY

### Aims and Summary

This module introduces students to Russian and East European history as well as to Communism and post-communist legacy in that part of Europe. This module aims to acquaint the students with historical background for Communist experience in Russia and Eastern Europe and to show how recent past has shaped Russian and East European order after 1989.

### 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 paper

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 3 International Relations (level 6)

### 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. Understand the nature of the Kievan Rus' and its relevance for modern Russia, Ukraine and Belarus;
2. Trace the origins of modern Russia and characterise its unique futures;
3. Analyse the Soviet Union as a totalitarian regime and as a product of Russian tradition;
4. Identify main differences in various models of Communism in Eastern Europe;
5. Appreciate the influence of Communist past on current situation in EE and identify main problems in shedding the Communist past.

### Indicative Content: Seminar

- The Origins of the Kievan Rus'; Novgorod as an alternative to Russia's history
- The Tatar's Yoke and the Rise of Moscow. Conflicts with Lithuania
- From Muscovy to the Russian Empire.
- The Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth vs. Russian Autocracy'
- Late Russian Empire and the growth of opposition to the regime
- The Bolshevik Revolution and the Civil War
- Lenin, Stalin and the Soviet Union.
- Communist Regimes after World War II.
- Resistance: Berlin, Budapest, Prague, Gdansk and Solidarność.
- The Fall of Communism and post-Communist Regimes in Eastern Europe.
- Russia again: Yeltsin, Putin, Medvedev, Putin again
- Baltic Countries, Belarus, Ukraine and Poland Today.

### Teaching and Learning

This module will be taught by means of lecture, seminar 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>	40 hours	(40%)
<b>Workshop</b>	0 hours	(0%)
<b>Total</b>	100 hours	

### Method of Assessment (normally assessed as follows)

The intended learning outcomes will be assessed as follows:

Paper (60% – 6 Credits): 3000 words; contributes to learning outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4

Final exam (40% – 4 Credits): 120 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

1-02-2015

## 3. MODULE RESOURCES

### Essential Reading

Ledeneva, A. V., 2013. *Can Russia Modernise? Sistema, Power Network and Informal Governance*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Evtuhov, C., Goldfrank, D.M., Stites, R., Hughes, L., 2004. *A History of Russia: Peoples, Legends, Events, Forces*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

Kollmann, N.S., 1986. *Ritual and Social Drama at the Muscovite Court*. *Slavic Review*, 45(3), pp.486-

502.

### **Recommended Reading**

- Delcour, L., 2013. Shaping the Post-Soviet Space?: EU Policies and Approaches to Region-Building. *Europe-Asia studies*, 65(1), pp.173-174
- Kaminski, A.S., 1993. *Republic vs. Autocracy: Poland-Lithuania and Russia, 1686-1697*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
- Lazarski, C., 2008. *The Lost Opportunity: Attempts at Unification of the anti-Bolsheviks, 1917-1919*. Lanham: University Press of America.
- Riasanovsky, N.V., 2010 or earlier editions. *A History of Russia*.
- Rothschild, J., Wingfield, N.M., 2007. *Return to Diversity: A Political History of East Central Europe Since World War II*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Service, R., 2003. *A History of Modern Russia: from Nicholas II to Putin*. London: Penguin.
- Wandycz, P., 2001. *The Price of Freedom: A History of East Central Europe from the Middle Ages to the Present*. New York: Routledge.
- Snyder, T., 2003. *The Reconstruction of Nations: Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania, Belarus, 1569-1999*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Kenny, P., 2006. *The Burdens of Freedom. Eastern Europe since 1989*. New York: Zed Books.

### **Required Equipment**

None

## **4. MODULE ORGANISATION**

### **Module leader**

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### **Length and month of examination**

120 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** 15 February 2017