

Course title: Political Geography of the Post-Soviet Area	Course No: KSG/PGSOV	Semester: Summer
Course type: Lecture and Seminar	Hours/Week: 2	Number of credits: 6
Recommended for: Bachelor and Master level students		

Lecturer (Academics):

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Status of the course in the study program:

Voluntary in all programmes

Course description:

This course will introduce students to the complicated realm of the Post-Soviet area, in particular the Caucasian region. The aim is to discuss the position of the Caucasian region in the system of international relations and through vertical analysis to show the vast complexity of processes and trends in this area with a particular emphasis on the increasing importance of nationalism. The course should make clear the connection between history and present and, together with global and local interplay, reveal their common affects on everyday policies of the three Caucasian countries existing de jure (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia) and three states existing de facto (Abkhazia, South Ossetia, Nagorno-Karabakh). In addition, relations with its neighbours and partners at the global level will be analysed.

Aims and objectives of the course:

To introduce students into the convoluted political situation in the Caucasian region.

To provide students with several perspectives on recent development in this region.

To improve skills in presentation and discussion when debating and giving presentation on actual issues.

Teaching method:

Lecture and seminar

Prerequisite:

Basic knowledge in international relations, regional geography of the Eurasia, political geography, cultural geography

Teaching aids & literature:

History of Azerbaijan. <http://www.azerb.com/az-hist.html>

History of Armenia. <http://www.hayastan.com/armenia/history/>

History of Georgia. <http://www.aboutgeorgia.net/history/>

History of North Caucasus. <http://www.ncrhi.net/history.html>

Examination method:

combination of presentation and written essay

Requirements for examination:

- 1) presentation (0-50%) - compulsory
- 2) activity in lessons (0-25 %) - ability to discuss about readings (10%),
- 3) written paper (0-25 %)

You can expect grades according to the following scale:

50% - 65%.....3 (D, E)

66% - 84%.....2 (B, C)

85% and more.....1 (A)

Registration for examination: electronic registration