

8. Workshop on Central Europe in Transition: Developments in Poland

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Objective: To outline major elements in respective developments taking place in three other countries.

Lecture: In this session, internal developments of these countries will be elaborated. Issues like characteristics of political system, elements of (re)emerging political culture and some major points of political and social controversy will be brought to the attention of the students, who are supposed to participate actively in bringing up new points of view. Moreover, developments under discussion will be related to similar processes in the Czech Republic to show what common features (and discrepancies) are to be found in Central European countries.

Assigned reading:

Michta, Andrew A. (1999): "Democratic consolidation in Poland after 1989", in Dawisha, Karen, Parrott, Bruce (eds.), *The Consolidation of Democracy in East-Central Europe*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, pp. 66-108.

Additional reading:

Ágh, Attila (1998): *The Politics of Central Europe*, Sage, London.

Batt, Judy, Lewis, Paul G., White, Stephen (eds., 2003), *Developments in Central and East European Politics 3*, Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke.

Issues for discussion:

Comparison of similarities and differences in the political development of the Czech Republic and Poland.
Special features of the Polish society that make it different from other CE countries.