

CZS51 History of Central Europe

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Course structure

Date	Topic
February 21	Geopolitics of the Phenomena of the Central Europe. What does it Central Europe mean and what does it consists of? Central Europe or East-Central Europe? The short outline of the history of Central Europe in the Middle Ages – The Great Moravia, The Kingdom of Bohemia, The Emperor Charles IV., the Hussites.
February 28	Renaissance of Central Europe, accession of Habsburgs to the Czech Throne. Habsburgs and their Empire in the Central Europe. Catholic church. Thirty Years War and Central Europe. Life: educations, life in the towns and the in the villages.
March 6	Baroque of the Central Europe, Wars of the Hapsburg´s monarchy, Enlightenment and reforms. Life: educations, life in the towns and the in the villages.
March 13	19th Century: French revolution, Napoleon, Vienna Congress and New Europe, National Renaissance, Saint Alliance, Revolution 1830 and 1848. Austria – Hungary: Dual Monarchy. Life: educations, life in the towns and the in the villages.
March 20	Habsburg Monarchy and The German Empire before WWI. Assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand and the outbreak of WWI. World War I. Paris Peace Conference. The Results od the WWI – the new states in the Central Europe. The League of the Nations.
March 27	A Mid Term Test
April 3	Central Europe between Wars. The Republic of Czechoslovakia and its relations to the neighbors and to the Great Powers. The way towards the WWII. The Munich Agreement.
April 10	World War II. in the Central Europe. Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia. Czech Resistance to Nazi German Occupation. The Slovak National Uprising. The End of the War and the Liberation of Czechoslovakia. The Prague Uprising.
April 17	Central Europe after World War II. The Beneš Decrees. The expulsion of Germans from Czechoslovakia. Czechoslovakia between 1945 and 1948. February 1948. The Iron Curtain and the Central Europe. The Application of the Soviet political and economical model in Central Europe and its results.
April 24	Socialisms in the Central Europe. The Prague Spring, Occupation of Czechoslovakia, Lech Walesa and Solidarity, Kadar´s Communism, 2nd Berlin Crisis, Berlin Wall. Normalization.
May 1	Central Europe at the end of the 1980s. The Fall of the Iron Curtain. Dissolution of Czechoslovakia. The Czech Republic in 1990s. The Central Europe in 1990s. Central Europe and EU.
May 7	Revision. Controversies in the Czech History.
May 14	A Final Test

Course Requirements:

Methods of evaluation:

A Mid-term Test – 10 questions, 2 points per question, 20 points altogether

A Final Test – 15 questions, 2 points per question, 30 points altogether

Three absences are possible during the term.

To finish the course successfully and pass an exam, it is necessary to write both the tests.

50 – 46 points – A

45 – 41 points – B

40 – 36 points – C

35 – 31 points – D

30 – 26 points – E

25 – 0 points – F

Literature:

1. Lecture

Geopolitics of the Phenomena of the Central Europe. What does it Central Europe mean and what does it consists of? Central Europe or East-Central Europe? The short outline of the history of Central Europe in the Middle Ages – The Great Moravia, The Kingdom of Bohemia, The Emperor Charles IV., the Hussites.

Readings:

- Studia historica Brunensia, volume 54, 2007, p. 39.
- Johnson, Lonnie (1996): Where is Central Europe. In.: Central Europe: Enemies, Neighbors, Friends. Oxford University Press, pp. 3 – 12.

http://books.google.cz/books?id=e_m13Hk3AFEC&pg=PA302&dq=ivan+b%C3%A9rend+central+europe&hl=cs&ei=hj88'ILitNMfdsgaqh6iWAQ&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=5&ved=0CDsQ6AEwBA#v=onepage&q&f=false

Accession of Hapsburg's to the Czech Throne, Hapsburg's Monarchy in Central Europe, Rudolph II., The Thirty Years' War.

Readings:

- Casper, Max – Hellman, Clarisse, D. (1993): Kepler. New York, pp. 116 – 121.

http://books.google.cz/books?id=0r68pggBSbgC&pg=PA149&dq=rudolf+II+emperor&hl=cs&ei=0Vo8TOrFGcuosQbbgunCDg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=4&ved=0CDgQ6AEwAw#v=onepage&q&f=false

- Parker, Geoffrey (1991): The Thirty Year 's War. London – Routledge, pp. 47 – 61.

Baroque, Prussia. Charles VI, Pragmatic Sanction and Maria Theresa. Enlightened absolutism, Reforms of Maria Theresa and Joseph II. War of the Austrian Succession, Seven Years' War. Polish–Lithuanian union, Partitions of Poland.

Readings:

- Abrams, Lynn (1995): Bismarck and the German Empire, 1871 – 1918. Routledge, pp. 1 – 8.

http://books.google.cz/books?id=XcRDFrkk-CsC&pg=PA8&dq=germany+18+century+bismarck&hl=cs&ei=O2k8TJ2zBorbsAb43-zCDg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=2&ved=0CDEQ6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q&f=false

- Blanning, T. C. W. (1994): Joseph II. Edinburg, pp. 92 – 112.

2. Lecture:

Renaissance of Central Europe, accession of Habsburgs to the Czech Throne. Habsburgs and their Empire in the Central Europe. Catholic church. Thirty Years War and Central Europe. Life: educations, life in the towns and the in the villages.

Readings:

- Emerson, Donald. E. (1968): Metternich and the Political Police: Security and Subversion in the Hapsburg Monarchy: 1815 – 1830. The Haque.
- Pradt, Dominique, G. F. M. de (1816): The Congress of Vienna. S. Leight, pp. 121 – 127.

http://books.google.cz/books?id=eQAMAAAAAYAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=vienna+congress&hl=cs&ei=I248TPCZF9OhsQbf9fHCDg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=2&ved=0CDIQ6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q&f=false

- Forrest, Robert. F. (1999): Palacký František. Ed. Boyd K. In.: Encyklopedia of Historians and Historical Writing. Volume 2. Chicago, London, p. 904.

http://books.google.cz/books?id=D-atVuWxij8C&pg=PA904&dq=boyd+kelly+palack%C3%BD&hl=cs&ei=pXs8TJbeJNTgsAa5xf3CDg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CCwQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q&f=false

- Berend, T. Ivan (2003): History Derailed. Central and Eastern Europe in the Long Nineteenth Century. Berkeley, Los Angeles, London, pp. 258 – 264.
- Nicolson, Harold (1961): The Congress of Vienna: a Study in Allied Unity 1812 - 1822. London, pp. 242 – 258.

3. Lecture:

Baroque of the Central Europe, Wars of the Hapsburg's monarchy, Enlightenment and reforms. Life: educations, life in the towns and the in the villages.

Readings:

- Howard, Michael (2007): The First World War: a Very Short Introduction. Oxford University Press, pp. – maps.

http://books.google.cz/books?id=HsjsqcDtgCoC&printsec=frontcover&dq=world+war+first&hl=cs&ei=pXk8TOjXEOelsQbswuXCDg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CCsQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q&f=false

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Readings:

- Mango, Anthony –Osmanczyk, Edmund J. (2003): Encyklopedia of the United Nations and International Agreements: G to M. Routledge, p. 1497.
http://books.google.cz/books?id=fSIMXHMDfkkC&pg=PA1498&dq=munich+agreement&hl=cs&ei=YoU8TNmyNtO7jAes3ci3AQ&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=3&ved=0CDUQ6AEwAg#v=onepage&q=munich%20agreement&f=false

6. Lecture

Recapitulate and Mid Term Test.

7. Lecture

Central Europe between Wars. The Republic of Czechoslovakia and its relations to the neighbors and to the Great Powers. The way towards the WWII. The Munich Agreement.

Readings:

- Lee, Stephan. J.: European Dictatorships 1918 – 1945. pp. 178 – 187.
- Lukes, Igor (1996): Czechoslovakia between Stalin and Hitler. The Diplomacy of Edvard Beneš in the 1930's. Oxford University Press, pp. 67 – 91.
http://books.google.com/books?id=7HPp4JRiZqEC&printsec=frontcover&dq=czechoslovakia+world+war+second&hl=cs&ei=UwxDTNG1G9iU4gal5P3PDg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=8&ved=0CEwQ6AEwBw#v=onepage&q=czechoslovakia%20world%20war%20second&f=false
- Hrabal, Bohumil (2007): I served the King of England. New Directions Publishing Corporation.
http://books.google.com/books?id=RxpTntt8t3kC&dq=world+war+second+czechoslovakia&hl=cs&ei=ARxDTMf5HpD14Aa4m6DJDg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=9&ved=0CFIQ6AEwCA

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Readings:

- Rothschild, Joseph (2008): *Return to Diversity : a Political History of East Central Europe since World War II*. New York – Oxford University Press, pp. 75 – 124.

10. Lecture

Socialisms in the Central Europe. The Prague Spring, Occupation of Czechoslovakia, Lech Walesa and Solidarity, Kadar's Communism, 2nd Berlin Crisis, Berlin Wall. Normalization.

Readings:

- Congdon, Lee (2006): *1956: the Hungarian Revolution and the War for Independence*. Edd.: Congdo, L. – Király, B. K. – Nagy, K. Boulder, pp. 95 -127.
- Mastný Vojtěch: *Helsinki, Human Rights and European Security*. pp. 48, 143 – 152.
- Kramer, Marek (1998): *The Prague Spring 1968: a National Security Archive Documents Reader*. Central European University Press - Budapest, pp. 98, 401 – 403.

11. Lecture

Central Europe at the end of the 1980s. The Fall of the Iron Curtain. Dissolution of Czechoslovakia. The Czech Republic in 1990s. The Central Europe in 1990s. Central Europe and EU.

Readings:

- Enderle – Burcel, Gertrude (2009): *Gaps in the Iron Curtain: Economics Relations between Neutral and Socialist Countries in Cold War*. Krakow, Jagiellonian University, pp. 165 – 180.
- Friedman, Norman (2007): *The Fifty Year War: Conflict and Strategy in the Cold War*. Naval Institute Press, pp. 70 – 90.

- Gaddis, Lewis, J. (2005): The Cold War: a New History. Penguin Press, New York.
- Mastný, Vojtěch (1996): The Cold War and Soviet Insecurity: the Stalin Years. Oxford University Press, pp. 178 - 185

12. Lecture

Revision. Controversies in the Czech History.

Readings:

- Balwin, Richard E. (1997): The Costs and Benefits of Eastern Enlargement: the Impact on the Eu and Central Europe. S. N., p. 69.
- Breska, Eric von (1998): Costs, Benefits and Chances of Eastren Enlargement for the European Union. Gutersloh.
- O'Brennan, John (2006): The Eastren Enlargement of the european Union. Routledge - New York.
- Poole, Peter, P. (2003): Europe Unites: the EU's Eastren Enlargement. Westport, pp. 31 – 52, 65 – 80.
- Sperling, James (1999): Two Tiers or two Speeds?: the European Security Order and the Enlargement of the European Union and NATO. Ed. Sperling, J. Manchester University, pp. 121 – 138.

13. Lecture

Revision

14. Lecture

A final test

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