

CZS51 History of Central Europe

The aim of the course is to describe the historical development of the Central Europe since Middle Age till 20th Century. The main Focus of the course is to briefly describe the continuity of historical development of the Central Europe. The purpose of the course is to understand the historical continuity of the region (Central Europe) and implement it in the context of General History therefore a prerequisite of at least partial knowledge of the historical - political development of the region is mandatory.

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Course structure

Date	Topic
February 17	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 24	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 3	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 10	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 17	Central Europe in the second half of 19th century
March 24	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 of the WWI – the new states in the Central Europe. The League of the Nations.
March 31	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 7	Mid-term test. 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.
April 14	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 economic model in Central Europe and its results.
April 28	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 5	Central Europe at the end of the 1980s. The Fall of the Iron Curtain. Dissolution of Czechoslovakia.
May 12	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=hj88TLitNMfdsgaqh6iWAQ&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
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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=eQAMAAAAYAAJ&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=pXk8TOjXE.OelsQbswuXCDg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CCsQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q&f=false

4. Lecture:

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.

5. Lecture

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 of the WWI – the new states in the Central Europe. The League of the Nations.

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

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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=ARxDTMf5HpD14Aa4m6DJJDg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=9&ved=0CFIQ6AEwCA

8. Lecture and Mid-term test

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.

9. Lecture

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.

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: Helsinky, 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 Realties 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

A final test

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Chronowski, Nóra and Drinóczi, Tímea and Takács, Tamara. *Governmental systems of Central and Eastern European states*. Warszawa: Oficyna, 2011.

Davis, Norman: *Europe: a History*. Harper, Perennial 1998.

Dawson, Andrew, H. – Fawn, Rick : *The Changing Geopolitics of Eastern Europe*. Potrland, Oregon 2002.

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Don, Yehuda – Karády, Viktor (1990): *A Social and Economical History of the Central Europe Jewry*. New Brunswick – New Jersey.

Dukes, Paul : *Paths to a new Europe*. Basingstoke: Palgrave 2004.

Flora, Peter : *State Formation, Nation Building, and Mass Politics in Europe*. Oxford: Oxford University Press 1999.

Francis W. Carter, Peter Jordan, Violette Rey : Central Europe after the Fall of the Iron Curtain: Geopolitical Perspectives, Spatial Patterns and Trends. Lang 1998.

Frommer, Benjamin. National Cleansing: Retribution against Nazi Collaborators in Postwar Czechoslovakia. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Guthrie, William P.: Battles of the Thirty Years War: from White Mountain to Nordlingen 1618 – 1635. 2002.

Heiss, Mary Ann and Papacosma, S. Victor. NATO and the Warsaw Pact: intrabloc conflicts. Kent, Ohio: Kent State University Press, c2008.

Holzer, Snyder and Timothy, Bloodlands. Europe between Hitler and Stalin. London: Bodley Head, 2010.

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Videos (example only) and Museum visits:

August 21 st 1968 in Czechoslovakia:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUaMkQAYQNw>

Battle of Verdun:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWJB6Y-3N5o>

Gulags:

http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=gulag&oq=gulag&gs_l=youtube-reduced.1.0.014.153304.155965.0.158400.5.5.0.0.0.0.267.1033.0j2j3.5.0...0.0.FtvGfTSW5cA

Hungary 1956

http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=hungarina+revolution+1956&oq=hungarina+revolution+1956&gs_l=youtube-reduced.3...11872.22449.0.23135.25.25.0.0.0.0.359.4007.7j10j6j2.25.0...0.0.u5hQeYXufMQ

John Kennedy

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hH6nQhss4Yc>

Milada Horáková:

<http://coldwarradios.blogspot.cz/2010/11/i-leave-this-world-without-hatred.html>

<http://www.radio.cz/en/section/archives/milada-horakova-dignity-in-the-face-of-fanaticism-1>

Solidarity:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=peT3-xSzj08>

Winston Churchill - Iron Curtain Fulton:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsWw9ij8hcA&feature=fvst>

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