

CZS51 History of Central Europe

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Course structure

Date	Topic
20.9.	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.
27.9.	Renaissance of Cental 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.
4.10.	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.
11.10.	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.
18.10.	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 Cetral Europe. The League of the Nations.
25.10.	A Mid Term Test
1.11.	Cental Europe between Wars. The Republic of Czechoslovakia and its relations to the neighbours and to the Great Powers. The way towards the WWII. The Munich Agreement.
8.11.	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.
15.11.	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.
22.11.	Socialismus in the Central Europe. The Prague Spring, Occupation of Czechoslovakia, Lech Walesa and Solidarity, Kadar´s Communism, 2nd Berlin Crisis, Berlin Wall. Normalization.
29.11.	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.
6.12.	Revision. Controverses in the Czech History.
13.12	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

Intoduction, general information about the course. Brief introduction to the geograpy, culture and policy of Central Europe. What does Central Europe mean? (Europe intermédiaire, Mittellage and Mitteleuropa).

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

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

2. Lecture:

Francis II. and Empire of Austria. Napoleonic Wars. The Congress of Vienna Holy Alliance. Revolution 1830 and 1848 in Habsburg's Monarchy. Habsburg Authoritarianism and Nationalism in Monarchy. Austria-Hungary - the Dual Monarchy. Formation of German Empire.

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:

Habsburg's Monarchy and Germany before the First World War: Sarajevo Assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand and beginning of the war. The First World War. Resistance. Great October Socialist Revolution. Results of the First World War: Overthrown of Habsburg's Monarchy, Paris Peace Conference 1919, succession States. League of Nations.

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

4. Lecture:

Central Europe before the Second World War.

Poland: restoration of Polish statehood, *Czech-Polish territorial disputes, J. Pilsudski, J. Beck, invasion and beginning of the War.*

Germany: The *Weimar Republic*, Hitler's chancellorship (1933), Night of the Long Knives, occupation of demilitarized Rhineland, Crystal Night, Non-aggression pact.

Hungry: Hungarian Soviet Republic, Hungarian kingdom, Treaty of Trianon,, economic crise, G. Gombos, First and Sekond Vinna Award.

Czechoslovakia: First Republic, mobilization, Munich diktat.

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

5. Lecture

The Second World

Bohemia and Moravia: Annexation of *Sudetenland*, Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, *Assassination of Reinhard Heydrich*, *National Uprising*, Czechoslovak government-in-exile.

Poland: Invasion of Poland, Ghetto.

Austria: *Anschluss*.

Hungry: member of the Axis powers.

Slovakia: Slovakia State, Invasion of Slovak State, National Uprising.

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

6. Lecture

Recapitulate and Mid Term Test.

7. Lecture

Central Europe after the Second World War. Iron Curtain, Cold War.

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.

8. Lecture

Application of the Soviet political and economic model in Central Europe

9. Lecture

Prague Spring, Occupation of Czechoslovakia, L. Walesa and Solidarity, Kadar's Communism, Second Berlin's crise, Berlin's Wall...

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.

10. Lecture

Fall of the Iron Curtain.

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

11. Lecture

Central Europe after 1989. NATO, Eastern Enlargement, Central Europe and EU.

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.

12. Lecture

Toboo in the Czech History

13. Lecture

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Final recapitulation and test.

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