

HISTORY OF CENTRAL EUROPE

The aim of the course is to describe the historical development of the Central Europe since 19th Century till today. The main Focus of the course is the 20th Century. The purpose of the course is to understand the historical continuity of the region (Central Europe) and implent 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.

First Lesson (09/18/12)

The Introduction, course description (course content; attendance – min. 70%; midterm test and final test 50 – 46 A; 45 – 41 B; 40 – 36 C; 35 – 31 – D; 30 – 25 E).

“ Central Europe“ - definition of the phenomenon Central Europe. Intorduction Central Europe in Middle Age and in Early Modern Age.

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Second Lesson: (09/25/12)

Enlightenment, Maria Theresa, Joseph II, main reforms.

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Third lesson: (10/02/12)

Napoleon and changes in Central Europe; Revolutions of 19th Century.

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Fourth lesson: (10/09/12)

Central Europe in 2nd half of 19th.

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Fifth lesson: (10/16/12)

Central Europe before WWI, during and after.

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Sixth lesson: (10/23/12)

Midterm test; Central Europe between Wars I.

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Seventh lesson: (10/30/12)

Central Europe between Wars II.

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Eight lesson: (11/06/12)

Central Europe and WWII.

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Ninth Lesson: (11/13/12)

Czechoslovakia , Hungary after WWII.

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Tenth lesson: (11/20/12)

Poland and East Germany after WWII.

Teacher: Jana Musilová

Eleventh lesson: (11/27/12)

Fall of the Iron Curtain and new political situation in Central Europe.

Teacher: Jana Musilová

Twelfth Lesson: (12/04/12)

EU and NATO, Taboo and Czech history.

Thirteenth lesson: (12/11/12)

Final Test.

Teacher: Jana Musilová

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Videos (example only) and Museum visits:

August 21st 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.1.0.0l4.153304.155965.0.158400.5.5.0.0.0.0.267.1033.0j2j3.5.0...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>

Visit of the Museum of Roma Culture in Brno

