

EAST MEETS WEST IN THE COCONTEXT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATION

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Course Information

Total of course hours : **50,00** — ECTS credits : **7,50**

Teaching language : **English**

OVERALL DESCRIPTION

In the eyes of Westerners the so called East is a far-away concept. It is indeed true that we still have very limited knowledge on the Eastern countries, economies and cultures and how much they actually differ from our own well-accustomed contexts. The course is about broadening the horizons of the students about the dichotomy of East and West. It strives to give practical knowledge when highlighting the most important differences. A company visit is also planned where the students will visit the Hungarian branch of a Russian company.

LEARNING GOALS OF THE COURSE

After attending the lectures, the students will be able to make an exact differentiation between the so called East and West. They will gain exact knowledge in connection with how history has shaped the two worlds, how the economies are structured and much light will be shed on the social structures and the mentality of the peoples living in these regions. With this exact knowledge they will clearly understand that seeing the East through West-coloured glasses is quite misleading. The course helps the students develop a special mindset when understanding the East.

1. seminar

Introduction to International Relations

2. seminar

Contemporary Russian and Asian Studies

3. seminar

The Issue of East and West in Contemporary World Politics

4. seminar

Introduction to Russia, Central Asia and Central and Eastern Europe

5. seminar

Economic Geography of Russia, Central Asia and Central and Eastern Europe

6. seminar

Politics in the Post-Soviet Region

7. seminar

Geopolitics in Central and Eastern Europe – Between Two Worlds

8. seminar

Doing Business in Russia, Central Asia and Central and Eastern Europe

9. seminar

Trade Relations Between Russia and the European Union

10. seminar

Russia, Central Asia and Central and Eastern Europe – A Core-Periphery Approach

11. seminar

Trade Relations Between Russia and the European Union

12. seminar

Russia and Central and Eastern Europe in the Eyes of the West

13. seminarThe Main Challenges of the Post-Soviet Region in the 21st Century**14. seminar**

The Main Challenges of the East-West Cooperation after the Turn of the New Millenium

ASSESSMENT

	% of final grade	Assessment type		%	Duration (hours)
Final exam (FE)	50	Written exam	Individual	100	3
Midterm exam (ME)					
Continuous assessment (CA)	50	Project	Group	50	
		Oral exam	Group	50	

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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