# Southeastern Europe in the Twentieth Century Spring 2011 TTH 200pm-330pm PAR 1

HIS 362G (also listed as EUS 346, J S 364, REE 335): 39855

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Through lecture and discussion this course will provide an in-depth exploration of the key events and developments of Southeastern Europe, the region commonly referred to as the Balkans, in the twentieth century. After providing some of the basics on geography and pre-20th century developments, we will move on to a detailed investigation of this tumultuous century in a region that was wracked by war, revolution, ethnic conflict, the Holocaust, and 45 years of Communist regimes and Cold War tensions. We will cover the territories of Romania, Albania, Bulgaria, the former Yugoslavia, and to a lesser extent Greece and Turkey. Key themes will be ethnic identity, nationalism, authoritarianism, resistance, gender and violence. The final chapter of the course will look at the fall of communism in the region and the outbreak of war in the former Yugoslavia.

## **Required Texts:**

Mark Mazower, *The Balkans: A Short History*.

John Lampe, *Balkans into Southeastern Europe*.

Katherine Verdery, *What was Socialism and what comes Next*Slavenka Drakulic, *How We Survived Communism and Even Laughed*.

Zlatko Anguelov, *Communism and the Remorse of an Innocent Victimizer*.

Emir Sujagic, *Postcards from the Grave*.

Ismail Kadare, *The Successor*.

### Grading

Grading will be based on a take-home mid-term (30%); an end of quarter in-class exam (30%); a primary document assignment (20%); a map quiz (5%); 5 short quizzes on assigned readings (2% each - 10%); and participation (5%) - based on attendance.

A student who misses classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day should inform the instructor as far in advance of the absence as possible, so that arrangements can be made to complete an assignment within a reasonable time after the absence.

### No incompletes will be assigned unless there is a personal or family emergency!!

All due dates are final (unless otherwise arranged based on an emergency situation) and grades will be reduced 3 percent per day after due dates.

Week one: January 20-22

Introduction to the Balkans: Geography and Background

Mark Mazower, The Balkans: A Short History, 1-77.

Week two: January 24-28 January 24 - MAP QUIZ

The Balkans up to WW I: Turmoil at the turn of the Century

Mark Mazower, The Balkans: A Short History, 77-111.

Week three: January 31-February 4

The Balkans during World War I and its aftermath

John Lampe, Balkans into Southeastern Europe. 11-55.

Week four: February 7-11 Between the World Wars

John Lampe, *Balkans into Southeastern Europe*. 63-175.

Week five: February 14-18 READING QUIZ Feb 18

World War II

Julius Scherzer, While the Gods Were Silent: Growing up Under Fascists and Communists.

Week six: February 21-25

Communist Takeovers: The Coming of the Cold War

John Lampe, Balkans into Southeastern Europe. 176-255.

Julius Scherzer, While the Gods Were Silent: Growing up Under Fascists and Communists.

#### TAKE HOME MID-TERM HANDED OUT FEB. 24

Week seven: February 28 - March 4 READING QUIZ March 4

Romania Under Communism

Katherine Verdery, *What was Socialism and what comes Next.* 

#### TAKE HOME MID-TERM HANDED DUE MARCH 4

Week eight: March 7-11 READING QUIZ March 11

Communism in Albania

Ismail Kadare, The Successor.

(March 14-19) Spring Break NO CLASSES !!! Week nine: March 21-25 READING QUIZ March 25

**Bulgaria Under Communism** 

Zlatko Anguelov, Communism and the Remorse of an Innocent Victimizer.

Week ten: March 28-April 1 READING QUIZ April 1

Yugoslavia Under Communism

Slavenka Drakulic, How We Survived Communism and Even Laughed.

Week eleven: April 4-9 The Fall of Communism

John Lampe, Balkans into Southeastern Europe. 255-295.

Week twelve: April 11-15 READING QUIZ April 15 The Disintegration of Yugoslavia: War in Bosnia

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Emir Sujagic, Postcards from the Grave.

# PRIMARY DOCUMENT ASSIGNMENT HANDED OUT - April 11

Week thirteen: April 18-22

War and Beyond In Kosovo (and Macedonia)

Documents - Online

Week fourteen: April 25-29 The Balkans after Communism

Articles - online

Week fifteen: May 2-6

### PRIMARY DOCUMENT ASSIGNMENT DUE - April 11

May 3: Review Session May 7: IN CLASS EXAM

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