Topic

De-essentializing the notion: what, where and when is Europe? Who, how and why built Europe in the 19th (autumn) and the 20th (spring) century?

Lectures cover the history of formation of modern Europe as an economic, political, cultural and social entity - in other words, the course focuses on the contested process of Europeanization of the continent. Integration (fragmentation) on various levels and actors behind them stand in the centre of the course.

Structure

1.Lecture

2.Historiography (event, process, concept)

3.Debate (readings : ca 40 pages per class)

Requirements

Attendance

Participation on seminars is compulsory. More than two missed (firts class not included) classes automatically result in a failing grade.

Class participation 50%

Students are responsible for reading the required material prior to  the class for which it has been assigned. Readings serve as a basis for class discussions. Thoughtful reading of the assigned texts is a fundamental requirement of the course and will be tested (two short in-class tests). Assigned readings can be found on the [Moodle](https://dl1.cuni.cz/mod/glossary/showentry.php?eid=67921&displayformat=dictionary" \o "Globální slovník: Moodle) (ca 30 pages per week). For each class there will be one reporter, who summarizes text and opens the debate with 3 questions/topics.

Term Paper 50%

Each student has to submit a term paper - an essay on the subject agreed with the lecturer of the course; deadline for the selection of the topic is December 15th/April 15th. Students must submit their papers by email a week after the end of the semester at the latest. The required length is 3000 words for MA students (including Czech students – 5 ECTS), 1000 for undergraduates (2 ECTS).

Full bibliography (preferably Chicago Style 16); English essay style : see http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/staff/haywardp/hist213/writing.htm

Schedule (Autumn)

1. Introductory class
2. What is Europe I : History of the Idea of Europe and the concept of Europeanization
3. What is Europe II : Parallel Formation of Europe and its Nation States
4. Sources of Europeanization : Industrial Revolution
5. Economic Europeanization : Growth of International Trade on the Continent
6. Material Europeanization: Networking Europe I (Roads and Waterways)
7. Material Europeanization: Networking Europe II (Railways)
8. Financial Europeanization : Banking and Transnational Finance
9. Social Europeanization : Social Changes, Politics and Demography
10. Political Europeanization : First Attempts at International Economic Integration
11. European Standards : Transnational Treaties and Organizations
12. Europeanization before the Great War : wrap up discussion

Schedule (Spring)

1. Introductory class : Europe, Europeanization and Hidden Integration
2. Making Europe : legacy of the long 19th century
3. Europe Constructed : Making Europe of Nation States (Paris Peace Treaty)
4. Europe Constructed II : Writing Rules for Europe (Technocratic formation of Europe)
5. Europe Imagined : Competing Integration Frames of Interwar Period
6. Europe Emergent : Experiencing the Great Depression
7. Europe Emergent II : European Civil War ?
8. Europe Constructed III : Visions and Realities of Postwar Europe
9. Europe Imagined : Europeanization vs Americanization
10. Europe Imagined : Europeanization vs Sovietization
11. European Constructed : EU-ization
12. Europeanization after the Great War : wrap up discussion