



Ukraine: Imperial, Soviet, Independent, European

Central European University / Invisible University for Ukraine

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Core Course – 4 ECTS credits

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Course Description:

This course seeks to examine past problems, present challenges and future prospects of Ukraine in multiple comparative, disciplinary and transnational frameworks. It aims to situate Ukrainian experience in regional, European and global context, creating spaces for better understanding of the complex task of maintaining rule of law and civic values in the face of war and transition. It focuses on reconstruction and reintegration of its space.

Learning Outcomes:

The program offers an **intensive learning experience**, placing questions relevant for Ukrainian students into a **transnational comparative perspective**. It aims at familiarizing the students with various cutting-edge interpretative paradigms and methodological traditions. The program is **not meant to replace or duplicate the existing online education** in Ukrainian universities, but to support them and provide help for filling the lacunae that temporarily emerged due to the Russian military invasion. At the end of this course, students will have expanded their knowledge on key issues of Ukrainian history in a European transnational context.

Learning activities and teaching methods:

This course consists of two components: a lecture and a public discussion. The lecture will be in English and will focus on key scholarly issues linking the Ukrainian and transnational themes. It can also take the form of a dialogue or a mini-roundtable involving multiple scholars. In order to facilitate participation, students will also get a short English-language reading on the topic, as well as a larger pool of readings which they can use in their future academic work as well. The open discussion will focus on the lecture and the reading, as well as the thematic questions of the students related to the broader topics of the class. The classes are offered in a **hybrid format** (online teaching with a possibility of campus presence for those students who are in Budapest).

Assessment:

This course is taken for a pass/fail grade. Passing the course means that the students have participated in the classes actively. For those students whose conditions make it impossible to listen to the classes synchronically, an asynchronic mode will be made available, with the lectures uploaded and questions they are asked to answer on the basis of watching/listening to the lecture.

Class meetings: **Tuesday, 18-19.40 EET**

Zoom classroom:

Moodle address:

Sept 27: Ukraine in Europe and in the world (Jan-Werner Mueller & Core teaching team)

Module I: Processes of (dis)integration

Oct 4: Empires, Nation-building and postcolonial frameworks

Oct 11: Ukraine in (post)imperial contexts

Oct 18: Ukraine in transnational settings

Module II: Corruption and state capture

Oct 25: Never-ending post-communist transitions

Nov 1: Modes of state capture: oligarchy and mafia state

Nov 8: Countering corruption and state capture in wartime and peacetime

Module III: Culture and identity

Nov 15: Situating Ukraine: Views from Inside and Outside Eastern Europe

Nov 22: Ukraine/Eastern Europe and Cultural Canon-building

Module IV: War, transitional justice and reconstruction

Nov 29: War crimes prosecutions and other transitional justice measures

Dec 6: The machinery of justice: national courts, judicial independence, judicial reform in war peace

Dec 13: Concluding Roundtable: Reconstruction and Reintegration