

Course description

“Soviet and Post-Soviet Ideology Cycle: Processes of Transition”	
Department responsible for the course	Institute of History & International Relations Master Program Expertise in History and Humanities
Lecturer	Proff. Andrey Venkov avvenkov@sfnu.ru
Semester when the course unit is delivered	Spring semester
Teaching hours per week	2
Level of course unit (for ex., Second cycle – Master level)	Master Level
ECTS credits	5
Admission requirements	
Course objectives (aims)	The primary objective of the course is to study establishment and development of soviet ideology and its transformation after the collapse of Soviet Union. It is purposed to help students to: - examine of features of Soviet ideology; - reveal the influence of ideology on the state development
Course contents	The course is divided into two broad parts. The first concerns the theory and practice of political ideologies and special aspects soviet ideology, and the second is about the development of ideology in new political conditions
Learning outcomes	On successful completion of the course, students are expected to: - demonstrate knowledge of peculiarities and characteristics of Soviet and post-Soviet ideology; - demonstrate knowledge of the theory of political ideologies; Be able to: - use historical knowledge to understand the stages of development of Soviet Union, - use knowledge to identify the characteristics of communism
Planned learning activities and teaching methods (for ex., lectures with a variety of examples and practice)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures • Problem-based learning
Assessment methods and criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance and Class Participation (at least 18 out of 60 maximum score) • Presentation (at least 20 out of 60 maximum score) • Written exam (2500 Word Essay) (at least 22 out of 40 maximum score).

Course literature (recommended or required)	Soviet Marxism-Leninism: The Decline of an Ideology/ Alfred B. Evans. 1993. Neil Robinson. Ideology and the Collapse of the Soviet System. 1995 Ideology, Politics, and Government in the Soviet Union: An Introduction/ John Alexander Armstrong. London. 1986.
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