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|  | **Course Syllabus** |

1. **Course Title:**

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| Anthropology of Post-Socialist Societies |

1. **Academic Level:**

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| Master |

1. **ECTS Credits:**

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| 5 ECTS |

1. **Semester:**

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| 2, spring semester |

1. **School/Department:**

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| Institute of History and International Relations |

1. **Location:**

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| 140 Pushkinskaya St., Rostov-on-Don |

1. **Instructor:**

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1. **Language of Instruction:**

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| English |

1. **Course Description:**

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| The elective discipline "Anthropology of post-socialist societies" is intended for undergraduates in their 2nd year (3 semester) of study and is an integral part of the study program "Socialist and post-socialist studies”. The discipline "Anthropology of Post-Socialist Societies" aims to form students' understanding of the peculiarities of the development of social institutions and the anthropological sphere in the post-socialist countries – the republics of the former USSR. As part of the study of the discipline, the following basic educational technologies are used: problem-oriented lectures, practical exercises, independent work of students. |

1. **Course Aims:**

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| • study the features of the transition period in the development of post-socialist societies within the framework of democratic transition;  • analyze the specifics of changes in the public sphere (culture, education, medicine, demography, etc.) in the context of post-socialist transformations;  • identify and analyze the change in the position, role and place of a person in the conditions of post-socialist societies, the content of new social values ​​in the process of cardinal socio-economic transformations. |

1. **Specific entry requirements (if any):**

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1. **Course Content:**

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| Module 1. Post-socialism as a transition  Post-socialism as an area of ​​anthropology.  History, memory, and heritage: the Soviet in the everyday life.  Coping with trauma: Chernobyl and post-socialist conflicts  Life and economy during the post-socialist transition.  Module 2. Health and the body in post-socialist societies.  Medical care in the late Soviet and post-Soviet contexts.  My body, my choice? Traditions and innovations in post-socialist cultures of wellness.  Pregnancy, birth, and childcare in today's Russia.  Module 3. Techniques of the self.  Nationalism and identities.  Cultures of consumption.  Post-socialism goes global: The Russian-speaking diaspora. |

1. **Intended Learning Outcomes:**

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| Knowledge:  -  knowledge of factual material, including the chronology of the main historical events;  -  understand the driving forces and laws of the historical process, the place of the individual in the historical process, the political organization of society;  -  knowledge in the field of general and national history.  Skills:  -  the ability to understand, critically analyze and present historical information;  -  the ability to build oral speech in a correct, logical and argumentative way;  -  the ability to interact on the basis of moral and legal norms accepted in society, to tolerate another culture. |

1. **Learning and Teaching Methods:**

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| lecture, seminar |

1. **Methods of Assessment/Final assessment information:**

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| Exam |

1. **Reading List:**

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| 1. Lugovaya O.M. Social anthropology / О.М. Lugovaya - Stavropol: SKFU, 2014. -- 143 p. 2. Khomutov, A.E. Anthropology [Text]: a tutorial / AE Khomutov - Ed. 3rd - Rostov-on-Don: Phoenix, 2004. -- 384 p. |