**Renegotiating Empire – Forging a New State: Albania, Bohemian Lands and Georgia, 1870-1930**

**(JMMZ210)**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course offers a unique comparative historical perspective on three small nation(states) within and without empires from the late 1870s to late 1920s. In so doing, it provides a fresh reading on the concepts of economic nationalism, nation, empire and nation-state. It focuses exclusively on three different historical, political and socio-economic developments, namely, the late nineteenth-century Habsburg Bohemia, Ottoman Albania and Tsarist Georgia to their early years/decades as nation-states, respectively, Czechoslovakia, Albania and Georgia. With these three entities sharing an attempt to renegotiate their political position within the respective empires as well as their belated declaration of independence – in the contexts of the Balkan wars and the First World War – the course explores their political and economic alternatives in the two settings (imperial, national). It does so by underscoring the economic dimension in the forging these modern small nation(states), in addition suggesting that rather than exclusionary the concepts of empire and nation-state were complementary to each other.

1. **COURSE DESIGN**
2. Introduction to the Course
3. The Conceptual Map I: Empires, Nation-State & Small Nation
4. The Conceptual Map II: Political Economy, Economic Nationalism, Liberalism & Marxian Socialism
5. The Emerging Modern Albanian, Bohemian/Czechoslovak & Georgian Nations
6. Political Economy in Imperial Context: Habsburg, Ottoman & Tsarist
7. Political Liberalism in the Imperial Context: Constitutionalism, Federalism, & Cultural Autonomy
8. Imperial/National Activists & ‘State-builders’ Perspectives: the Czechoslovak Thomas. G. Masaryk, the Georgian Noe Zhordania & the Albanian Ismail Qemali
9. The First World War: Search for Regional Unions & Independence
10. Economic Consequences of the First World War
11. The Nation-State, the League of Nation & Nationality Question
12. ‘National Economy-Building’
13. Surviving as a Small Nation-State in the Post-Imperial Space & the New International Political & Economic Order
14. **READING ASSIGNMENT**
15. **Introduction to the Course** - the Syllabus
16. **Conceptual Map I: Empire, Nation-State & Small Nation**

* Lieven, D. 2000. *Russian Empire and its Rivals*. New Haven: Yale University Press; chapter 1 ‘Empire: A Word and Its Meanings’, pp. 3-27
* Hroch, M. 2000. *Social Preconditions of National Revival in Europe*. Colombia University Press; part 1, ‘Introduction’, pp, 1-30
* Hont, I. 2005, *The Jealousy of Trade: International Competition and the Nation-State in Historical Perspective*, Cambridge: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, chapter 7, ‘The Permanent Crisis of a Divided Mankind: “Nation-State” and “Nationalism” in Historical Perspective’, pp. 447-528

1. **Conceptual Map II: Political Economy, Economic Nationalism, Liberalism & Marxian Socialism**

* Kolakowski, L. 2005 [1978]. *The Main Currents of Marxism*, New York: Norton, book one, chapter XII, ‘Capitalism as a Dehumanised World. The Nature of Exploitation’, pp. 215-241
* Greenfeld, L. 2001. *The Spirit of Capitalism: Nationalism and Economic Growth*, Cambridge, MA.: Harvard University Press, 2001, ‘Introduction’, pp. 1-26
* Gaus, G. F. 2001. ‘Ideological Dominance through Philosophical Confusion: Liberalism in the Twentieth Century’ in Freeden, M. (ed), *Reassessing Political Ideologies: The Durability of Dissent*. London: Routledge, pp. 13-34
* Levine, D. P., 1995. *Wealth and Freedom: An Introduction to Political Economy*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Part I, ‘Capitalism’, pp. 37-76

1. **The Emerging Modern Albanian, Bohemian/Czechoslovak & Georgian Nations**

* Brisku, A. 2013. *Bittersweet Europe: Albanian and Georgian Discourses on Europe, 1878-2008*. New York: Berghahn Books; chapter 1, ‘Nationhood and Empire’, pp. 9-27
* Panek, J. et al. 2009. *A History of Czech Lands*. Prague: Charles University in Prague, Karolinium Press, chapter 11, ‘The Birth of Modern Czech Nation, 1792-1848)

1. **Political Economy in the Imperial Context: Habsburg, Ottoman & Tsarist**

* Brisku, A. 2017. *Political Reform in the Ottoman and the Russian Empires: A Comparative Approach*, chapter 3, ‘Empire and Progress’, pp. 107-144
* Brisku, A. 2017. *Political Reform in the Ottoman and the Russian Empires: A Comparative Approach*, chapter 4, ‘Constitutional Empire’, pp. 145-188
* Schultze, M-S, Wolfe, N., 2012. ‘Economic Nationalism and Economic Integration: The Austro-Hungarian Empire in the Late Nineteenth Century’, *Economic History Review*, 65(2), pp: 652-73

1. **Political Liberalism in the Imperial Context: Constitutionalism, Federalism, Cultural Autonomy**

* Suny, R. G. 1994. *The Making of the Georgian Nation*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press; chapter 6, ‘The Emergence of Political Society’, pp. 112-43
* Cibulka, P., et al, 2009. ’The Definition of Czech National Society during the Period of Liberalism and Nationalism (1860-1914)’, in Panek, J. et al (eds), *A History of Czech Lands*, Prague: Charles University in Prague, Karolinium Press; pp. 331-54
* Brisku, A., 2013. *Bittersweet Europe: Albanian and Georgian Discourses on Europe, 1878-2008*, New York: Berghahn Books; chapter 2, ‘From Empire to Independence: Europe as the Future’, pp. 28-72
* Taglia, S., 2016. ‘The Feasibility of Ottomanism as a Nationalist Project: The View of Albanian Yong Turk Ismail Kemal’, *Die Welt des Islams* (56), pp. 336-358

1. **Imperial/National Activists & ‘State-builders’ Perspectives: T. G. Masaryk, N. Nikoladze, I. Kemali**

* Brisku, A., 2015, “Renegotiating the Empire, Forging the Nation-State: The Case of Georgia through the Political Economic Thought of Niko Nikoladze and Noe Zhordania, c. 1870-1920s”, *Nationalities Papers*, DOI: 10.1080/00905992.2015.1102214
* Brisku, A., 2017, “Renegotiating the Empire, Forging the Nation-State: The Bohemian/Czechoslovakian Case through the Political-economic Thought of Thomas G. Masaryk and Karel Kramář”, *Nationalities Papers*, DOI: 10.1080/00905992.2016.1268585
* Brisku, A., forthcoming, “Renegotiating the Empire, Forging the Nation-State: The Albanian Case through the Political-economic Thought of Ismail Qemali and Luigj Gurakuqi”, *Nationalities Papers*,

1. **The First World War: Search for Regional Unions & Independence**

* Harna, J. ’The Czech Lands during the First World War (1914-1918)’, in Panek, J. et al (eds). 2009. *A History of Czech Lands*. Prague: Charles University in Prague, Karolinium Press; pp. 377-92
* Suny, R. G. 1994. *The Making of the Georgian Nation*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press; chapter 9, ‘Revolution and Republic’, pp. 185-208
* Vickers, M. 1999. *The Albanians: A Modern History*. London: I. B. Tauris, chapter 4, ‘Reign of Prince Wied and the First World War’, pp. 77-97

1. **Economic Consequences of the First World War**

* Wolf, N. et al, 2011. ‘On the Economic Consequences of Peace: Trade and Borders after Versailles’, *Journal of Economic History*, 71(4), pp. 915-49
* Kolakovski, L. 2005. *Main Currents of Marxism*. New York: Norton, chapter 18, ‘The Fortunes of Leninism: From a Theory of State to a State Ideology’, pp. 730-78
* Findley, C. V. 2010. *Turkey, Islam, Nationalism and Modernity: A History 1789-2007*, New Haven: Yale University Press, chapter 4, ‘Imperial Demise, National Struggle’, pp. 192-246

1. **State-Building, the League of Nations & the Nationality Question**

* Austin, R. C. 2012. *Founding a Balkan State: Albania’s Experiment with Democracy*, *1920-1925*. Toronto: Toronto University Press, chapter 1, ‘Internal and External Challenges’, pp. 3-27
* Harna, J. ’The Building of a State’, in Panek, J. et al (eds). 2009. *A History of Czech Lands*. Prague: Charles University in Prague, Karolinium Press; pp. 395-415
* Kautsky, K. 1921. *Georgia: A Social Democratic Peasant Republic: Impressions and Observations*, London, International Bookshop Limited, chapters 7 & 9 <https://www.marxists.org/archive/kautsky/1921/georgia/index.htm>

1. **‘National Economy-Building’**

* Teichova, A. 1988. *The Czechoslovak Economy, 1918-1980*, London, New York, pp. 17-54
* Austin, R. C. 2012. *Founding a Balkan State: Albania’s Experiment with Democracy*, *1920-1925*. Toronto: Toronto University Press, chapter 3 ‘Fan Noli in Power’, pp. 54-74
* Kautsky, K. 1921. *Georgia: A Social Democratic Peasant Republic: Impressions and Observations*, London, International Bookshop Limited, chaps 3-6 & 8 in < https://www.marxists.org/archive/kautsky/1921/georgia/index.htm>

1. **Surviving as A Small Nation-State in Post-Imperial Space & in the New International Political & Economic Order**

* Kautsky, K. 1921. *Georgia: A Social Democratic Peasant Republic: Impressions and Observations*, London, International Bookshop Ltd., chaps 10-13 in < https://www.marxists.org/archive/kautsky/1921/georgia/index.htm>
* Brisku, A. 2013. *Bittersweet Europe: Albanian and Georgian Discourses on Europe, 1878-2008*. New York: Berghahn Books; chapter 3, ‘The Nation-state in the Imperial/Supranational Shadow’, pp. 73-107
* Jones, S. 1988. ‘The Establishment of Soviet Power in Transcaucasia: The Case of Georgia’, *Soviet Studies*, 16(4), pp. 616-39
* Harna, J. ’The Building of a State’, in Panek, J. et al (eds). 2009. *A History of Czech Lands*. Prague: Charles University in Prague, Karolinium Press; pp. 415-43

**C. REQUIREMENTS**

1. Attendance is mandatory as the course is designed as a seminar where substantial student participation is needed.
2. For each class, a position paper of around 300 words should be prepared. Position papers should either address reading for particular class or constitute an analytical coverage of relevant topics.
3. To the 12th week’s class, a final paper of around 3000 words should be submitted to the lecturer.
4. Active class participation – 30%, position papers – 30% and final paper - 40%.
5. **COURSE EVALUATION**

A - "výborně - A" - "excellent - A"  
B - "výborně - B" - "excellent - B"  
C - "velmi dobře - C" - "very good - C"  
D - "velmi dobře - D" - "very good - D"  
E - "dobře - E" - "good - E"  
F - "neprospěl/a - F" - "fail - F"

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