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Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
SP370	Central and Eastern Europe in European and Global Context	6	3	3	0	3	6
Prerequisites							
Admission Requirements							
Language of Instruction	English						
Course Type	Elective						
Course Level	Bachelor Degree						
Objective	This course explores the political, economic, social, and cultural dynamics of Central and Eastern European Countries (CEECs) within the broader context of European integration and globalization. Through an interdisciplinary approach, students will reach an understanding of the historical development of CEECs, the legacy of communism, post-Soviet politics, the political transition of CEECs, contemporary challenges, and prospects of CEECs in the context of their interactions with the key international actors including the European Union (EU), United States (US), Russia and China. The course is interdisciplinary: it draws on history, international relations, identity politics, political economy and geopolitics.						
Content	Introduction to Central and Eastern Europe, Imperialism and Historical Legacy, Political Systems in Central and Eastern Europe, Post-Communist Transition, Return to Europe: The EU's "Big Bang" Expansion, Economic Integration, Regional Cooperations, Current Issues in Central and Eastern Europe						

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