



Center for
EUROPEAN STUDIES
at the University of Florida

Fall **2018** Courses

AREA STUDIES

EUS 3930/HIS 3931 -THE ANTHROPOCENE

Michael Schuering

MWF 6

Since the turn of the century scientists and scholars have been discussing whether human civilization has brought about a new geochronological era, the so called Anthropocene. How much of an imprint have our energy regimes, resource management and industrial activity left on the planet to justify the idea that humans are having an irreversible effect on the history of the earth? Areas to consider are the European colonial expansion across the globe, climate change, loss of biodiversity, nuclear fallout and resource depletion. The course aims at a multidisciplinary analysis of the interaction of human civilization with nature. It introduces the students to seminal writings in environmental history, offering several perspectives from historical, philosophical, scientific and sociological points of view. We will try to develop a new holistic narrative that might enable us to cross boundaries between various fields of knowledge and show more clearly the entanglement of our technological progress with the fate of our planet.

EUS 3930/EUH 3931 - DIVIDED GERMANY*

Michael Schuering

MWF 7

The course covers the social and cultural history in divided Germany, including a comparative view of the two political systems and the consequences of division from ideological, generational, and cultural points of view. It also deals with the multitude of problems after reunification.

Students will be introduced to the method of critical source analysis. They are required to write a final research paper (10 pages, double spaced. This final paper should be outlined in a short abstract (1 page), containing a bibliography (10 titles or more).

* Eligible course for East-Central European Studies minor or certificate.

EUS 4210- POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Asli Baysal

MWF 4

This course is designed to be an introduction to the history, political institutions, decision-making and policies of the European Union. The creation and development of the European Union is one of the most fascinating political events of the last century. In the past half-century the EU has grown from a set of weak/poorly defined institutions with a limited policy domain and an emphasis on national sovereignty into an extensive political system with increasingly strong supranational actors influencing all aspects of political and economic life.

The goal of this course will be to examine this transformation both theoretically and historically from a comparative politics perspective, keeping in mind the changing (and growing) global role of the EU and the impact of recent crises on its development.

EUS 4930/SYD 4701 - NATIONALISM & ETHNICITY IN EUROPE

Alin Ceobanu

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This upper-division course examines a variety of topics on national and ethnic identities in Europe, East and West, including their possible role in the making of the "new Europe." Questions addressed include: are national identities modern phenomena, what are some manifestations of ethnic politics, can ethnic conflict be contained, has the enlargement of the EU further east spurred national sentiment, is there such a thing as European nationalism?

Some topical cases explored in this class include ethno-regionalism in Spain, Belgium, Italy, and Great Britain, Muslim minorities in Western and Eastern Europe, disintegration of the communist ethno-federations and identity formation in the successor states, the Romany people, and the European Union: an experiment in supra-nationalism.

LANGUAGES

CZECH

Courses in Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Czech

GREEK

Courses in Beginning Greek

HUNGARIAN

Courses in Beginning, Elementary, and Advanced Hungarian

POLISH

Courses in Beginning and Advanced Polish

TURKISH

Courses in Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced Turkish