

COURSE SYLLABUS

Optional Course 4: History of Communism

1. Information about the study program

1.1 University	Babeş-Bolyai University
1.2 Faculty	Faculty of History and Philosophy
1.3 Department	International Studies and Contemporary History
1.4 Field of study	History
1.5 Study cycle (BA/MA)	BA
1.6 Study program/Qualification	History

2. Information about the subject

2.1 Course title	Optional Course 4: History of Communism						
2.2 Course tutor	Prof. Dr. George Cipăianu						
2.3 Seminar tutor							
2.4 Year of study	III	2.5 Semester	6	2.6 Type of assessment	E	2.7 Course status	DS

3. Total estimated time (teaching hours per semester)

3.1 Number of hours per week	3	of which: 3.2 course	3	3.3 seminar/laboratory	-
3.4 Total number of hours in the curriculum	36	of which: 3.5 course	36	3.6 seminar/laboratory	-
Time distribution					Hours
Study based on textbook/course manual/recommended reading/personal notes					30
Additional research in the library, by accessing scientific databases, or during field work					30
Preparation for seminars/laboratory classes, essays, portfolios and reports					25
Tutoring					2
Assessment (examinations)					2
Other activities					
3.7 Total hours for individual study		89			
3.8 Total hours per semester		125			
3.9 Number of credits		5			

4. Precondiții (acolo unde este cazul)

4.1 Curriculum	The course complements the courses and seminars of Romanian and universal contemporary universal history, offering a global image of the emergence and evolution of communism, as a political doctrine and political system.
4.2 Skills	Not the case

5. Conditions (if necessary)

5.1. For delivering lectures	Not the case
5.2. For teaching seminars/laboratory classes	Not the case

6. Acquired specific competences

Professional competences	Through this elective course, students are familiar with the history of one of the currents of thought and political systems that defined the twentieth century in depth.
Transversal competences	Responsible execution of the tasks proposed by the teacher Reading the specialized bibliography. Self-study ability Ability to write scientific papers

7. Course objectives (derived from the specific competences acquired)

7.1 General objective of course	Students' knowledge of the evolution of communism, as a doctrine and political system, from Marx to contemporary communist political regimes.
7.2 Specific objectives	Familiarization with the specific bibliography of the topic. Critical analysis of historical sources. The preparation of semester papers on specific course topics.

8. Contents

Lectures	Teaching methods
Prehistory of Communist Ideas – the First Half of the 19th Century	Lecture, problematization
Marx and Marxism	Lecture, problematization, case study
From Engels to Lenin, from theory to practice.	Lecture, problematization
The rise of communism in the Soviet Union	Lecture, problematization
The Bolshevik Revolutions in Europe from 1917 to 1919	Lecture, problematization, case study
The Soviet Union until World War II	Lecture, problematization, case study
The Soviet Union between 1945-1989	Lecture, problematization, case study
Communism in the interwar period outside the Soviet Union	Lecture, problematization, case study

Post-war communist regimes	The lecture, the problematization, the individual micro-research, the debate
China and the Chinese model	Lecture, problematization
The communist dictatorships of the late 20th century	Lecture, problematization
Communism at the beginning of the 21st century	Lecture, problematization
General bibliography	
Specialized works	
Bahro, Rudolf, Die Alternative : zur Kritik des real existierenden Sozialismus, Köln Europäische Verlagsanstalt 1977;	
Roemer, John E., Analytical Marxism, Paris : Éditions de la Maison des Sciences de l'Homme 1986;	
Volkoff, Vladimir, La bête et le venin ou La fin du communisme, Paris Edition de Fallois : L'Age d'Homme 1992;	
Glucksmann, André, Bucătăreasa și mîncătorul de oameni : eseu despre raporturile dintre stat, marxism și lagărele de concentrare, București Humanitas 1991.	
Sandle, Mark, Communism, Harlow Longman ; London : Pearson Education 2012 ; New York;	
Gusti, Dimitrie, Comunism, socialism, anarhism, sindicalism și bolșevism : clasificarea sistemelor privitoare la societatea viitoare.	
Preda, Radu, Comunismul, o realitate eșuată, Cluj-Napoca, Eikon, 2009.	
Tismăneanu, Vladimir, Diavolul în istorie : comunism, fascism și câteva lecții ale secolului XX, București, Humanitas, 2013;	
Nolte, Ernst, Der europäische Bürgerkrieg 1917-1945 : Nationalsozialismus und Bolschewismus, Frankfurt/M ; Berlin Propyläen Verlag 1987	
Vermeersch, Jeannette, La femme et le communisme : anthologie des grands textes du marxisme, Paris Éditions Sociales 1950.	
Cole, George Douglas Howard, A history of socialist thought. Vol. 5-6: Communism and social democracy : 1914-1931, Basingstoke, Hampshire Palgrave Macmillan 2002.	

Karpiński, Jakub Światopełk, Istoria comunismului polonez și mondial : din victorie în victorie până la catastrofa finală, Timișoara Editura de Vest 1993.

Wood, Allen W., Karl Marx, London ; Boston ; Henley Routledge & Kegan Paul 1981.

Karl Marx, Manifestul Partidului Comunist, București, 1969.

Marcuse, Herbert, Le marxisme soviétique : essai d'analyse critique, Paris Gallimard 1963.

Boia, Lucian, Mitologia științifică a comunismului, București, Humanitas, 1999.

Jowitt, Kenneth, Noua dezordine mondială : extincția leninistă, București, Curtea Veche, 2012.

Georgescu, Vlad, Politică și istorie : cazul comuniștilor români : 1944-1977, București Humanitas 1991.

Holmes, Leslie Templeman, Postcomunismul, Iași Institutul European 2004.

9. Validating course contents based on the expectations of epistemic communities, professional associations and of potential employers related to the field of study.

The discipline was developed in accordance with the general state of knowledge on the subject at the international level;
The reference bibliography is recent and relevant.

10. Assessment (examination)

Type of activity	10.1 Assessment criteria	10.2 Assessment methods	10.3 Weight in the final grade
10.4 Lecture	The correct solving of the proposed exam subjects	Exame	100%
10.5 Seminar			
10.6 Basic performance standard			
Knowledge of the main concepts and theories regarding the evolution of communism in the 20th century; Preparing a written presentation for the final exam.			

Date
12 09 2019

Semnătura titularului de curs

Course tutor's signature
Prof. Dr. George Cipăianu

Date of department endorsement
12.09.2024

Head of department's signature

