Doctoral research seminar:

THE ETHNICITY, MULTICULTURALISM AND GLOBALIZATION

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General info:

**Academic level:** Ph.D. candidate
**Number of places available:** 15
**Prerequisites:** M.A. degree in humanitarian or social sciences
**Language of instruction:** English
**Local (MRU) credits:** 4
**ECTS credits:** 6
**Tuition fee:** 200 €
**Registration fee:** 20 €

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(Accommodation fee (the cost per participant per day)): 20 €
(Meals (the cost per participant per day)): 7 €

**Teaching methodology:** lectures, discussion, seminars, consultations, documentary (video) material presentation
**Duration:** 2 weeks: from April 4th to April 15th, 2011
**Work load:** 30 academic hrs. of lecturing, 30 academic hrs. of seminars and 120 academic hrs. of self-work
**Place:** Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Lithuania, webpage: http://www.mruni.eu
**Copartner:** European Mediterranean University, Portorož, Slovenia, webpage: http://www.emuni.si
**Evaluation:** class attendance and active participation in discussions (30%), seminar presentation (30%) and written essay on chosen topic (40%)
**Assessment:** 10-point scale

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Syllabus:

Goal: to provide knowledge on the main concepts, namely, ethnic identity, national grouping, multicultural civic society and globalization. The seminar will also teach methods analyzing contemporary global development and train necessary skills to understand, investigate and critically evaluate complexities of and interconnections among ethnic identity (name of group, symbols, cultural artifacts and cultural heritage), phenomenon of multiculturalism in plural national, linguistic and religious societies, and aspects of globalization.

Annotation: this seminar examines historical, structural and global processes and critically assesses meanings of democracy, freedoms and civil society, multiethnicity and multiculturalism and problems of their practical application. Critique of the old and common heroic myth that “only unitary ethnolinguistic state can save the nation” will help students to understand and examine how myths can produce constant obstacle to the establishment and maintenance of pluralistic democratic world. Discussions on the right to national identity and the right of minorities to participate in the decision-making institutions will enable to research and identify the complex problems of managing public affairs in conformity with the constitution and the laws. The seminar will suggest rethinking the traditional understanding of nation state and civil society and introduce globalization as challenge and historical novelty in contemporary world.

Main themes

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1. Understanding ethnicity, race and nation

Summary: Definition of the people, the nation and the state; historical, natural, economic or ethnic principles of border creation; patriarchal theory of state; elements of modern state; objective criteria in definition of people, nation and state; theory of ethnic difference; subjective criteria in definition of people, nation and state; theory of ethnic indifference; nationality principle; citizenship principle; German Romanticist ideology; language and nation.

2. Concepts of a multicultural society, civil society and citizenship

Summary: Main factors of inter/intra-ethnic conflicts; understanding nationalism; multicultural society as multiculturalism = equality or multiculturalism = affirmation of the right to be different; differences between uniculturalism and multiculturalism; plural and multicultural societies; civic society versus ethnic society; policy of citizenship and international standards; minority education in multiethnic society; two concepts of plural society/multicultural coexistence: model of racial or ethnic domination and exploitation and model of equal cohabitation; differences in citizenship policy between civic and ethnic states; concept of civic culture.


3. The idea of globalization and national/multinational states

Summary: Theoretical approaches to globalisation; Globalisation as a form of integration of the world; historical example of global interconnections of the world; nature of “turbo-globalisation”; globalisation and technological and information revolution; creation of the global market and the role of the national states in the world economy; the rise of more powerful transnational and supranational economic forces and political institutions; does globalisation mean a gradual expansion of economic welfare, or a deepening gap between the worlds?; does globalisation lead to the annihilation of national states and cultures and a clash of civilizations, or to mutual benefit?


4. Ethnocentrism and foreign policy for the global age

Summary: Centrism and pluralism in political perspective; Ethnocentrism and nationalism; Eurocentrism and globalisation; national self-determination and international foreign policy; collective security and Americanisation of the globe; international criminal court and ethnocentric objections; the capacity of international law to advance ethnic or nationality rights claims; self-determination versus pre-determination of ethnic minorities in power-sharing systems.

5. Territorial autonomy/federalism: Permanent solution or step toward secession

Summary: Minority rights and territorial autonomy; federalism as a solution for minority question?; multiethnic communities and federal experience; case studies of Switzerland and ex-Yugoslavia; regional security and federal concept of resolving minority question; territorial secession as a product of federal inner organization of the state; case study of Albanian nationalism and Kosovo’s secession from Serbia; international law and concept of minority self-determination concerning possibility of territorial secession.


Contact hrs: 6
Self work hrs: 14

6. Globalization and the new security agenda

Summary: Defining security; security and securitization; military threats to security from states and non-state actors; the rise of political non-state violence; economic and environmental threats to security; achieving global economic security; the globalization and health security; the international political agenda and global security; a new world order or disorder?


Contact hrs: 6
Self work hrs: 14

7. Globalization, democracy and civil society: The democratic and authoritarian face of globalization

Summary: Signs of a new model of worldwide (global) authoritarian rule; new types of military intervention, including those of preventive and more humane nature; the absence of counter-balance and balance in international relations; the shift from a multi-polar towards a uni-polar world; main components of globalisation with democratic face of civil society order; possibilities for establishing of cosmopolitan democracy and global civic society; the cosmopolitan democracy and global civic society as protectors of local/individual characteristics.


Contact hrs: 8
Self work hrs: 14

8. Self-determination, toleration and multiculturalism in the global perspective

Summary: The right to self-determination according to international law and standards; concept of toleration in European history; connections between democracy, multiculturalism, civic society and the policy of toleration; how to create tolerant multiethnic, multilingual and multireligious society;
the roles of public and private domains in creation of multicultural tolerant society; minority rights and self-determination.


Contact hrs: 6
Self work hrs: 14

9. The nature of relationship between globalization and localism (“Act locally, think globally”)

Summary: Two axes of modernity: the interconnection between emancipatory politics and life politics and the interconnection between the local and the global; the main scientific approaches on relations between globalism and localism; complementation, interrelation and interdependence between global and local; the nature of the relationship between globalism and localism; reasons for local opposition towards globalisation.


Contact hrs: 7
Self work hrs: 14

 Provisional reading list (to be updated):


