

Information list of a subject

University: Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (BISLA)					
Faculty:					
Subject code: IR-496			Subject name: The Western Balkans and Europe's Global Neighbourhood		
Type, scope, and method of educational activities: Two weekly meetings of 90 minutes each, amounting 42 hours total. Every week, the first meeting takes the form of a lecture and the second, of a seminar. (full-time form)					
Number of credits: ECTS 5					
Suggested semester: Spring semester					
Level of studies: 1					
Conditional previous subjects: None					
Requirements for the course: Course evaluation (%): A – excellent: 100-93%, B – very good: 92-84%, C – good: 83-74%, D – satisfactory: 73-63%, E – sufficient: 62-51%, Fx – fail: 50-0%. Passing the course assumes that student was not absent at more than 4 class sessions. Late arrival is marked as a “tardie”. Three tardies equal one absence. Missing more than 15 minutes of the class is considered an absence.					
Learning outcomes: Students will discover the heterogeneous block of EU candidate countries in Southeast Europe. They will locate the WB in the Balkans, in Europe, and among Europe's most pressing contemporary challenges. Reflecting on the WB's multilayer struggles is a way to become critical about Europe's place and role in the global world.					
Brief outline of the course: In 2024, European integration is facing new challenges. The Russian aggression of Ukraine in the EU's direct Eastern neighbourhood, the questioning of the Euro-Atlantic system of alliances (especially due to the upcoming US elections), the longer-term migration process, and the mainstreaming of populist movements in the East and the West of the Old Continent call for renewed strategies and narratives. The integration of the WB is a European challenge and also a salient reading grid of Europe's potential and limits: it is a European story, almost a paradigm through which we can better grasp the importance of sketching new perspectives for the Old Continent.					
Recommended readings: Tim Marshall: <i>Shadowplay</i> ; Ivo Andrić, John O'Brennan, Fernand Braudel, Tzvetan Todorov, Cattaruzza-Sintès, Maria Todorova					
Language of the course: English					
Notes:					
Evaluation					
Total number of evaluated students:					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
(percentage of students who got A)	(percentage of students who got B)	(percentage of students who got C)	(percentage of students who got D)	(percentage of students who got E)	(percentage of students who got FX)
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