

After the Cold War: War, Conflicts and Development in Post-Socialist Europe

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Lecturer Biography:

Short lecturer biography (3-5 sentences)

Series Description:

This series critically analyzes the factors that led to the collapse of the Soviet Union and explores the global implications of the end of the Soviet era. It also investigates the current challenges faced by the former Soviet republics, almost three decades after the fall of the Iron Curtain.

The series examines whether the ideological victory of liberalism marked the "end of history." (F. Fukuyama, 1992). The series also evaluates the nation-building processes in Central and Eastern Europe from the late 20th century to the present day. Furthermore, the series investigates the recent developments of nationalism, anti-immigrant sentiments, and populism in Hungary and Poland, providing global perspectives on regional issues.

This series offers a comprehensive exploration of the collapse of the Soviet Union, its global impact, and the current dynamics and complexities faced by the countries that emerged from the Socialist bloc.

Schedule of Topics:

1. The Collapse of the Soviet Union and the Socialist Camp: The Global Reset

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2. Unification of the Germany: How to "Overcome" Socialism?

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Jones, Sara. 2009. "Conflicting Evidence: Hermann Kant and the Opening of the Stasi Files". *Life and Letters*. 62(2): 190-205.

3. Identity Politics: Euroscepticism and Rise of Populism in Eastern Europe

Brubaker, Rogers. 1996. *Nationalism Reframed: Nationhood and the National Question in the New Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 55-76.

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4. Vladimir Putin's Russia; The Evolution of the Views and Strategies

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Bacon, E. (2015). 'Putin's Crimean Speech, 18 March 2014: Russia's Changing Public Political Narrative,' *Journal of Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society*, 1(1): 13-36.

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5. Ukraine: When Nation Building is Challenged

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Haukkala, Hiski. "A Perfect Storm: What Went Wrong and What Went Right for the EU in Ukraine." *Europe-Asia Studies*, 68, no. 4 (2016): 653-664.

Portnov, Andrii. "Lost in Transition? Ukraine and Europe since 1989." *Eurozine*, January 23, 2018. <https://www.eurozine.com/lost-in-transition-ukraine-and-europesince-1989/>.

Causes and Consequences of Russia's Year of War in Ukraine. Video.

<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/causes-and-consequences-russias-year-war-ukraine>

6. Regional Development and the Global Security Challenges

Institute for the study of war, ISW, <https://www.understandingwar.org/>

The Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) is the world's oldest and the UK's leading defence and security think tank: <https://rusi.org/>

Newman and Hurt. 2023. The ripple effects of Russia's war in Ukraine continue to change the world. <https://www.npr.org/2023/02/22/1157106172/ukraine-russia-war-refugees-food-prices>