

SLAV 1865 – The Year Communism Crumbled

Class number 28517

Meets A & S general education requirements:

- International/Foreign Culture — regional

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Classes

1. Current political and ethnic map of the region	Maps of Central Europe; Glenny 86-88
2. Situation in 1988; border changes in the 20 th century	Maps of Central Europe; Glenny 1-9, Drakulić xi-xvii
3. The 1956 shock and recovery in Hungary	Drakulić 55-65 A Doll That Grew Old, 179-189 How We Survived Communism;
4. The 1968 shock and coma in Czechoslovakia	Glenny 30-35; Drakulić 11-20 Pizza in Warsaw, Torte in Prague;
5. The silence in Bulgaria and deadly silence in Romania	Glenny 96-102, 109-110, 164-170; Drakulić 82-92 The Strange Ability of Apartments to Divide and Multiply;
6. Yugoslavia, the southern oasis; the cold Kremlin	Glenny 118-123; Drakulić 66-75 Forward to the Past;
7. The real workers' revolution in Poland	Glenny 50-52; 70-71; Drakulić 43-54 On Doing Laundry
8. East Germans and the Western Slavs	Drakulić 33-42 I Think of Ulrike This Night in November;
9. Earthquake in Armenia and elsewhere, Gorbachev and Spring 1989	Glenny 4, 170-172; Drakulić 21-32 Make-up and Other Crucial Questions;
10. German summer camps in Hungary, the second re-burial in Budapest	Glenny 22-49; Drakulić 133-142 Some Doubts about Fur Coats;
11. Panic in the petrified North-West	Drakulić 159-168 On the Quality of Wall Paint in Eastern Europe;
12. Autumn and the fall in Prague and Bratislava	
13. Ceausescu till Christmas in Romania, Bulgarian New Year	Glenny 164-182; Drakulić 93-103 Our Little Stasi, 169-178 The Day When They Say That War Will Begin;
14. The return of a shattered Central Europe	Drakulić 113-122 A Communist Eye, or What Did I See in New York?, 123-132 A Letter from the United States – the Critical Theory Approach;

Texts

- Slavenka Drakulić (1991) *How We Survived Communism and Even Laughed*
 - Misha Glenny (1990) *The Rebirth of History: Eastern Europe in the Age of Democracy*
 - Patrick Brogan, *Eastern Europe 1938-1989: The Fifty Years.*
 - Any current map of Central Europe
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- Paul R. Magocsi (1993) *Historical Atlas of East Central Europe*
 - (The Times Concise Atlas of World History)
 - (Rand McNally Atlas of World History)

Research materials

INTERNET:

- Contemporary media coverage
- <http://fa.osaarchivum.org/background-reports>
- <http://infoweb.newsbank.com.pitt.idm.oclc.org> (Pitt access)

ULS DIGITAL LIBRARY >> STUDENT EXPRESS >> DATABASES BY TITLE >>

- Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS)
- Academic (Lexis-Nexis)

HILLMAN, ON THE SHELF OR MICROFILM

- Radio Free Europe Background Reports – see the list at: <http://tinyurl.com/RFE-Reports>; use the entries to look for more in PittCat or on the shelves
- Foreign Broadcast Information Service: *Daily Reports; East Europe*
- ??? Index to the Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) daily reports (Shelving Title: FBIS Foreign Broadcast Index Service Index); Hillman Lib-Reference Desk (Ground Floor) Non-circulating, Call Number: JA1 I53

Grades will be assigned on the following basis:

Attendance — 10%, First Paper — 40%, Second Paper — 50%.

SUGGESTED READING FOR SPECIFIC REGIONS AND TOPICS

- W. Echikson: *Lighting the Night: Revolution in Eastern Europe*.
J. Rothschild: *Return to Diversity*.
T. Garton Ash: *We, the People*.
G. Schhopflin and N. Wood (eds.): *In Search of Central Europe*.
P. Volten (ed.): *Uncertain Futures: Eastern Europe and Democracy*.
R. Vago: *The Grandchildren of Trianon*.
A. Gella: *Development of Class structure in Eastern Europe*.
T. W. Ryback: *Rock around the Bloc*.
The Failure of Communism: The Western Response (RFE, Munich).
G. Revesz: *Perestroika in Eastern Europe*.
S. Brucan: *Pluralism and Social Conflict: A Social Analysis of the Communist World*.
S. Baranczak: *Breathing under Water and Other East European Essays*.
J. Bugajski: *East European Fault Lines*.
Renée De Nevers: *The Soviet Union and Eastern Europe: The End of an Era*.
M. Perczybinski: *East Europeans and the German Problem*.
L. L. Whetten: *Interaction of Political and Economic Reforms within the East Bloc*.
V. Havel: *Power of the Powerless*.

INDEX OF TOPICS IN GLENNY: *THE REBIRTH OF HISTORY*

- PL = Poland, CS = Czechoslovakia; H = Hungary; RO = Romania; BG = Bulgaria;
YU = Yugoslavia;
Cr = Croatia; Sr = Serbia; Mc = Macedonia; AL = Albania; TR = Turkey.
- Nationalism: 9-11, 204-216, C—S: 37-39, Romanies: 43, foreign labor: 43-44, H 73-74,
75-76, 85-88, RO: 109-113, 114, BG—TR: 171-172, Sr—Cr: 126-132, 138-142, Sr—
AL: 132-137, 161-162, Sr—Mc: 137
Ecology and politics (the Dam): 93-94
Moldova: 113-114,
Political and symbolic geography, 216-220, 232-235, the Balkans: 11-12, H: 94-95,
Fear of Germany: 12-15, 225-231,
Economy: 15-18, CS loans and foreign trade: 33-34, PL: 55-57, H: 90-92, RO: 103-104,
BG: 180-182, YU: 120
Political culture: 18-21
Pre-WW 2: CS: 26-29
Pre-communism and communism RO: 99-102
Early communism CS: 29-30
Early communism BG: 165-168,
H post-invasion: 75
CS post-invasion: 29-31
Life: CS: 34-35, PL labor: 57-59, RO: 96-97, RO intelligentsia: 106-109,
Solidarity: 51-52,
Charter 77: 24-25

Lech Wałęsa: 59-64
Václav Havel: 44-47
YU 1987: 121-123
H May 88: 78
BG 1988: 170-171,
PL 1989: 52-54
CS fast revolution: 22-24
BG elections: 172-178
PL 1990: 54-55
YU 1990: 123-125
The Salvation Front: 97-99, 102-103, 105-106, 114-11