

# ***CZS51 History of Central Europe***

Lecturer: **Ms. Jana Musilová**

## **Outline of the course**

### **Course structure**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
September 21	1. Introduction, general information about the course. Brief introduction to the geography, culture and policy of Central Europe. What does Central Europe mean? (Europe intermédiaire, Mittellage and Mitteleuropa).
September 28	2. Continuation – previous lecture
October 5	3. Francis II. and Empire of Austria. Napoleonic Wars. The Congress of Vienna Holy Alliance. Revolution 1830 and 1848 in Habsburg's Monarchy. Habsburg Authoritarianism and Nationalism in Monarchy. Austria-Hungary - the Dual Monarchy. Formation of German Empire.
October 12	4. Habsburg's Monarchy and Germany before the First World War: Sarajevo Assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand and beginning of the war. The First World War. Resistance. Great October Socialist Revolution. Results of the First World War: Overthrown of Habsburg's Monarchy, Paris Peace Conference 1919, succession States. League of Nations.
October 19	5. Central Europe before the Second World War. Poland, Hungary, Germany
October 26	6. Recapitulate and Mid Term Test.
November 2	7. The Second World in the region of CE
November 9	8. Central Europe after the Second World War. Iron Curtain, Cold War.
November 16	9. Prague Spring, Occupation of Czechoslovakia, L. Walesa and Solidarity, Kadar's Communism, Second Berlin's crises, Berlin's Wall...
November 23	10. Fall of the Iron Curtain.
November 30	11. Central Europe after 1989. NATO, Eastern Enlargement, Central Europe and EU.
December 7	12. Final recapitulation and test.

### **Course Requirements:**

1. Active class participation  
60% class attendance.

2. Other requirements

Passing: mid term test – 75% - (multiple choice + open question from readings), final test min. 75% (multiple choice + open question from readings), presence – 60%, readings – extrabold types.

### **Literature:**

1. Lecture

**Intoduction, general information about the course. Brief introduction to the geografy, culture and policy of Central Europe. What does Central Europe mean? (Europe intermédiaire, Mittellage and Mitteleuropa).**

### **Readings:**

- Studia historica Brunensia, volume 54, 2007, p. 39.
- Johnson, Lonnie (1996): Where is Central Europe. In.: Central Europe: Enemies, Neighbors, Friends. Oxford University Press, pp. 3 – 12.

[http://books.google.cz/books?id=e\\_m13Hk3AFEC&pg=PA302&dq=ivan+b%C3%A9rend+central+europe&hl=cs&ei=hj88TLitNMfdsgaqh6iWAQ&sa=X&oi=book\\_result&ct=result&resnum=5&ved=0CDsQ6AEwBA#v=onepage&q&f=false](http://books.google.cz/books?id=e_m13Hk3AFEC&pg=PA302&dq=ivan+b%C3%A9rend+central+europe&hl=cs&ei=hj88TLitNMfdsgaqh6iWAQ&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=5&ved=0CDsQ6AEwBA#v=onepage&q&f=false)

**Accession of Hapsburg's to the Czech Throne, Hapsburg's Monarchy in Central Europe, Rudolph II., The Thirty Years' War.**

### **Readings:**

- Casper, Max – Hellman, Clarisse, D. (1993): Kepler. New York, pp. 116 – 121.

[http://books.google.cz/books?id=0r68pggBSbgC&pg=PA149&dq=rudolf+II+emperor&hl=cs&ei=0Vo8TOrFGcuosQbbgunCDg&sa=X&oi=book\\_result&ct=result&resnum=4&ved=0CDgQ6AEwAw#v=onepage&q&f=false](http://books.google.cz/books?id=0r68pggBSbgC&pg=PA149&dq=rudolf+II+emperor&hl=cs&ei=0Vo8TOrFGcuosQbbgunCDg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=4&ved=0CDgQ6AEwAw#v=onepage&q&f=false)

- Parker, Geoffrey (1991): **The Thirty Year 's War. London – Routledge, pp. 47 – 61.**

2. Lecture

Continuation – previous lecture.

**Baroque, Prussia. Charles VI, Pragmatic Sanction and Maria Theresa. Enlightened absolutism, Reforms of Maria Theresa and Joseph II. War of the Austrian Succession, Seven Years' War. Polish–Lithuanian union, Partitions of Poland.**

**Readings:**

- Abrams, Lynn (1995): Bismarck and the German Empire, 1871 – 1918. Routledge, pp. 1 – 8.

[http://books.google.cz/books?id=XcRDFrkk-CsC&pg=PA8&dq=germany+18+century+bismarck&hl=cs&ei=O2k8TJ2zBorbsAb43-zCDg&sa=X&oi=book\\_result&ct=result&resnum=2&ved=0CDEQ6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q&f=false](http://books.google.cz/books?id=XcRDFrkk-CsC&pg=PA8&dq=germany+18+century+bismarck&hl=cs&ei=O2k8TJ2zBorbsAb43-zCDg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=2&ved=0CDEQ6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q&f=false)

- Blanning, T. C. W. (1994): Joseph II. Edinburg, pp. 92 – 112.

3. Lecture:

**Francis II. and Empire of Austria. Napoleonic Wars. The Congress of Vienna Holy Alliance. Revolution 1830 and 1848 in Habsburg's Monarchy. Habsburg Authoritarianism and Nationalism in Monarchy. Austria-Hungary - the Dual Monarchy. Formation of German Empire.**

**Readings:**

- Emerson, Donald. E. (1968): Metternich and the Political Police: Security and Subversion in the Hapsburg Monarchy: 1815 – 1830. The Hague.
- Pradt, Dominique, G. F. M. de (1816): The Congress of Vienna. S. Leight, pp. 121 – 127.

[http://books.google.cz/books?id=eQAMAAAAYAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=vienna+congress&hl=cs&ei=I248TPCZF9OhsQbf9fHCDg&sa=X&oi=book\\_result&ct=result&resnum=2&ved=0CDIQ6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q&f=false](http://books.google.cz/books?id=eQAMAAAAYAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=vienna+congress&hl=cs&ei=I248TPCZF9OhsQbf9fHCDg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=2&ved=0CDIQ6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q&f=false)

- Forrest, Robert. F. (1999): Palacký František. Ed. Boyd K. In.: Encyklopedia of Historians and Historical Writing. Volume 2. Chicago, London, p. 904.

[http://books.google.cz/books?id=D-atVuWxij8C&pg=PA904&dq=boyd+kelly+palack%C3%BD&hl=cs&ei=pXs8TJbeJNTgsAa5xf3CDg&sa=X&oi=book\\_result&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CCwQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q&f=false](http://books.google.cz/books?id=D-atVuWxij8C&pg=PA904&dq=boyd+kelly+palack%C3%BD&hl=cs&ei=pXs8TJbeJNTgsAa5xf3CDg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CCwQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q&f=false)

- Berend, T. Ivan (2003): *History Derailed. Central and Eastern Europe in the Long Nineteenth Century*. Berkeley, Los Angeles, London, pp. 258 – 264.
- Nicolson, Harold (1961): *The Congress of Vienna: a Study in Allied Unity 1812 - 1822*. London, pp. 242 – 258.

4. Lecture: (12. 10. 2010)

**Habsburg's Monarchy and Germany before the First World War: Sarajevo Assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand and beginning of the war. The First World War. Resistance. Great October Socialist Revolution. Results of the First World War: Overthrown of Habsburg's Monarchy, Paris Peace Conference 1919, succession States. League of Nations.**

#### Readings:

- Howard, Michael (2007): *The First World War: a Very Short Introduction*. Oxford University Press, pp. – maps.  
[http://books.google.cz/books?id=HsjsqcDtgCoC&printsec=frontcover&dq=world+war+first&hl=cs&ei=pXk8TOjXEOelsQbswuXCDg&sa=X&oi=book\\_result&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CCsQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q&f=false](http://books.google.cz/books?id=HsjsqcDtgCoC&printsec=frontcover&dq=world+war+first&hl=cs&ei=pXk8TOjXEOelsQbswuXCDg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=1&ved=0CCsQ6AEwAA#v=onepage&q&f=false)

5. Lecture:

**Central Europe before the Second World War.**

**Poland:** restoration of Polish statehood, *Czech-Polish territorial disputes, J. Pilsudski, J. Beck, invasion and beginning of the War.*

**Germany:** The *Weimar Republic*, Hitler's chancellorship (1933), Night of the Long Knives, occupation of demilitarized Rhineland, Crystal Night, Non-aggression pact.

**Hungary:** Hungarian Soviet Republic, Hungarian kingdom, Treaty of Trianon, economic crisis, G. Gombos, First and Second Vienna Award.

**Czechoslovakia:** First Republic, mobilization, Munich dictat.

#### Readings:

- Mango, Anthony – Osmanzyk, Edmund J. (2003): *Encyclopedia of the United Nations and International Agreements: G to M*. Routledge, p. 1497.

[http://books.google.cz/books?id=fSIMXHmDfkkC&pg=PA1498&dq=munich+agreement&hl=cs&ei=YoU8TNmyNtO7jAes3ci3AQ&sa=X&oi=book\\_result&ct=result&resnum=3&ved=0CDUQ6AEwAg#v=onepage&q=munich%20agreement&f=false](http://books.google.cz/books?id=fSIMXHmDfkkC&pg=PA1498&dq=munich+agreement&hl=cs&ei=YoU8TNmyNtO7jAes3ci3AQ&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=3&ved=0CDUQ6AEwAg#v=onepage&q=munich%20agreement&f=false)

6. Lecture

**Recapitulate and Mid Term Test.**

7. Lecture

**The Second World**

**Bohemia and Moravia: Annexation of *Sudetenland*, Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, *Assassination of Reinhard Heydrich*, *National Uprising*, Czechoslovak government-in-exile.**

**Poland: Invasion of Poland, Ghetto.**

**Austria: *Anschluss*.**

**Hungary: member of the Axis powers.**

**Slovakia: Slovakia State, Invasion of Slovak State, National Uprising.**

**Readings:**

- Lee, Stephan. J.: European Dictatorships 1918 – 1945. pp. 178 – 187.
- Lukes, Igor (1996): Czechoslovakia between Stalin and Hitler. The Diplomacy of Edvard Beneš in the 1930's. Oxford University Press, pp. 67 – 91.  
[http://books.google.com/books?id=7HPp4JRiZqEC&printsec=frontcover&dq=czechoslovakia+world+war+second&hl=cs&ei=UwxDTNG1G9iU4gal5P3PDg&sa=X&oi=book\\_result&ct=result&resnum=8&ved=0CEwQ6AEwBw#v=onepage&q=czechoslovakia%20world%20war%20second&f=false](http://books.google.com/books?id=7HPp4JRiZqEC&printsec=frontcover&dq=czechoslovakia+world+war+second&hl=cs&ei=UwxDTNG1G9iU4gal5P3PDg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=8&ved=0CEwQ6AEwBw#v=onepage&q=czechoslovakia%20world%20war%20second&f=false)
- Hrabal, Bohumil (2007): I served the King of England. New Directions Publishing Corporation.  
[http://books.google.com/books?id=RxpTntt8t3kC&dq=world+war+second+czechoslovakia&hl=cs&ei=ARxDTMf5HpD14Aa4m6DJDg&sa=X&oi=book\\_result&ct=result&resnum=9&ved=0CFIQ6AEwCA](http://books.google.com/books?id=RxpTntt8t3kC&dq=world+war+second+czechoslovakia&hl=cs&ei=ARxDTMf5HpD14Aa4m6DJDg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=9&ved=0CFIQ6AEwCA)

8. Lecture

## Central Europe after the Second World War. Iron Curtain, Cold War.

### Readings:

- Rothschild, Joseph (2008): *Return to Diversity : a Political History of East Central Europe since World War II*. New York – Oxford University Press, pp. 75 – 124.

### 9. Lecture

- Prague Spring, Occupation of Czechoslovakia, L. Walesa and Solidarity, Kadar´s Communism, Second Berlin´s crise, Berlin´s Wall...

### Readings:

- Congdon, Lee (2006): *1956: the Hungarian Revolution and the War for Independence*. Edd.: Congdo, L. – Király, B. K. – Nagy, K. Boulder, pp. 95 -127.
- Mastný Vojtěch: *Helsinki, Human Rights and European Security*. pp. 48, 143 – 152.
- Kramer, Marek (1998): *The Prague Spring 1968: a National Security Archive Documents Reader*. Central European University Press - Budapest, pp. 98, 401 – 403.

### 10. Lecture

## Fall of the Iron Curtain.

### Readings:

- Enderle – Burcel, Gertrude (2009): *Gaps in the Iron Curtain: Economics Relations between Neutral and Socialist Countries in Cold War*. Krakow, Jagiellonian University, pp. 165 – 180.
- Friedman, Norman (2007): *The Fifty Year War: Conflict and Strategy in the Cold War*. Naval Institute Press, pp. 70 – 90.
- Gaddis, Lewis, J. (2005): *The Cold War: a New History*. Penguin Press, New York.
- Mastný, Vojtěch (1996): *The Cold War and Soviet Insecurity: the Stalin Years*. Oxford University Press, pp. 178 - 185

11. Lecture

**Central Europe after 1989. NATO, Eastern Enlargement, Central Europe and EU.**

**Readings:**

- Balwin, Richard E. (1997): The Costs and Benefits of Eastern Enlargement: the Impact on the Eu and Central Europe. S. N., p. 69.
- Breska, Eric von (1998): Costs, Benefits and Chances of Eastren Enlargement for the European Union. Gutersloh.
- O'Brennan, John (2006): The Eastren Enlargement of the european Union. Routledge - New York.
- Poole, Peter, P. (2003): Europe Unites: the EU's Eastren Enlagrement. Westport, pp. 31 – 52, 65 – 80.
- Sperling, James (1999): Two Tiers or two Speeds?: the European Security Order and the Enlargement of the European Union and NATO. Ed. Sperling, J. Manchester University, pp. 121 – 138.

12. Lecture

- Final recapitulation and test.

**Contacts**

Ms. Jana Musilová  
Department of History  
Faculty of Arts  
Arne Nováka 1,  
602 00 Brno

Email: [87562@mail.muni.cz](mailto:87562@mail.muni.cz)