

## TOPICS OF PRESENTATIONS

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**The topics of the presentations are entirely up to you. However, they need to be connected with civil society/human rights. Think of what could be interesting for your fellow students. If you cover Eastern Europe, it's definitely a plus, but not a must.**

**You will prepare the presentations for the following classes:**

(April 20 - class will not take place)

May 4 - five groups of three

May 11 - four groups of three

The presentations should be about 10 mins long and will be followed up by a Q&A session.

Should you find it difficult to come up with your own topic, here are some suggestions of topics and sources:

- 1) Any material assigned as "Recommended" in the Interactive Syllabus or [on the page of the course](#) can be a good starting point for your presentation
- 2) Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and journalists in your country covering Eastern Europe
- 3) The work of [Frontline Defenders](#), [Civil Rights Defenders](#) (Sweden), [Human Rights House Foundation and Network](#) (Norway), [People in Need](#) (Czech Republic), [International Crisis Group](#)
- 4) United Nations' Universal Periodic Review:  
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/upr/upr-main>  
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/upr/documentation> (Conclusions and recommendations in Outcomes of the Review of individual countries are especially interesting)
- 5) Sources of information on the developments in Eastern Europe
- 6) [Deník Referendum: Jak funguje ruská propaganda? Je to složitější, než se Západu jeví](#)
- 7) New York Times article: ['They Are Watching': Inside Russia's Vast Surveillance State](#)  
A cache of nearly 160,000 files from Russia's powerful internet regulator provides a rare glimpse inside Vladimir V. Putin's digital crackdown.
- 8) Hazing in the army - Belarus, Armenia, Russia...
- 9) Respect of the rights of minority nationalities and ethnicities in Russia

For example: [Discrimination against visual minorities, Roma, migrants and indigenous peoples: Russia's record before the United Nations](#)

10) LGBT rights in Russia

In English: [New York Times article](#) 8 November 2023

[BBC: Russia passes 'Answer to Blinken' gay propaganda law](#) 24 November 2022

[AllOut: REPEAL THE ANTI-LGBT+ "PROPAGANDA LAW" IN RUSSIA!](#) 30 November 2022

[Sebevraždy a monstrprocesy. Rusko zesiluje pronásledování LGBT+ lidí](#) – January 2023

<https://meduza.io/cards/v-rossii-polnostyu-zapretyat-propagandu-gomoseksualnosti-i-pedofilii-a-detyam-nelzya-budet-dazhe-rasskazyvat-ob-lgbt-lyudyah-что-еще-popadet-pod-zapret>

<https://meduza.io/feature/2022/10/19/nikakie-zakony-ne-zastavyat-geev-i-lesbiyanok-ischeznut>

11) Russia and “foreign agents”

[https://open.spotify.com/episode/7w6tN3VsHAHaPLNnPzbKwK?si=sMN7JDzkT0mzqkHhT\\_sAFg](https://open.spotify.com/episode/7w6tN3VsHAHaPLNnPzbKwK?si=sMN7JDzkT0mzqkHhT_sAFg)

Domestic violence and foreign agents <https://youtu.be/PTLPuCeH9Jo>

12) The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights – you can search a human right and country: <https://uhri.ohchr.org/en/search-human-rights-recommendations>

13) Podcast “NORM”: [Кто защищает права человека в России. Звоним правозащитникам из ОВД-Инфо, Мемориала, ЛГБТ-Сети](#)

14) Newsletters:

European External Action Service: [Disinformation Review](#)

[European Values newsletters](#)

15) Situation of Russian independent media:

New York Times: [From Russia, With Bluster and Fear. An independent journalist describes what it's like to work in Russia right now](#) September 7, 2022

Подкаст «Медузы»: [Увольнение или тюрьма. Эпизод о том, как журналисты независимых СМИ \(спешно\) покидали Россию](#). March 29, 2022

Подкаст «Медузы»: [В 2022 году Кремль решил окончательно уничтожить независимые СМИ. А они опять выжили. Но как? И главное – зачем?](#) December 28, 2022 – first 20 or 28 minutes are most interesting

16) Torture in Georgia – [Georgian Center for Psychosocial and Medical Rehabilitation of Torture Victims \(GCRT\)](#)

17) You will find many topics covering different countries on the [Human Rights Watch](#) and [FIDH](#) websites

18) [“Человек имеет право”](#) – подкаст Радио Свобода

19) Any lecture here: [Timothy Snyder: The Making of Modern Ukraine. Yale Course](#) – we have watched the one on the Maidan already