GLOBAL SEMINAR SYLLABUS

Summer 2018

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COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students will participate in lectures, seminars and excursions that explore the history and geography of the Czech Republic. The Czech Republic will be at the center of our exploration of history, urban geography, along with geographies of mobility and migration, culture, gender, race, and sexuality. The seminars and excursions in Prague will begin with an understanding of Czech history through various imprints on the landscape, such as city planning, design, architecture, and culture. This will be followed by a discussion of Prague in the 20th century and the various political, economic and social transitions. These transitions will be explored through field excursions in and outside of Prague. The spatial patterns, housing and cities in the Czech Republic will be the focus for understanding the human and social geography of Czech lands. This will be followed by examinations of migration and mobility within Čechia and into the country from various countries. The cultural and social geographies of the Czech republic will focus on how various transitions have had an impact on gender, race, and ethnicity in contemporary Czech society.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

• To develop an understanding of the geographic aspects of Czech History and how it relates to regional and global geopolitical processes.

• To understand how political and economic changes and transitions have a diverse impact on social and cultural norms, particularly relating to geographies of gender, race, ethnicity, and sexuality.

• To engage in experiential learning through field-observations.

• To learn how to transfer field observations into thesis questions, and collect qualitative data.

• To develop an understanding of how to conduct an independent research project that includes both secondary and primary source data.
GEOG 3842: Human Geography of the Czech Republic: History, Politics, Economics, Culture and Society

ASSIGNED READINGS

History and Geography

Handout Packet


Urban Geography


Geographies of the Czech Economy: Focus Tourism


Mobility/Migration


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Gender, Race, and Sexuality


Supplemental Text:

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ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT

Digital Field Notebook: (30% of total grade)

Geography and Language Hunting in Prague Exercise (20% of Final Grade)

Conceptual Mapping and Urban Geography/Public Transportation Exercise (20% of Final Grade)

Final Paper (15% of Final Grade)

This paper will synthesize your field notes, secondary source research, and primary research your conduct as part of your excursions and interactions with Czech people. This paper will be 8-10 pages long (Double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman Font) and due on the final day of the global seminar.

Exam (15% of Final Grade)

You will have one exam in the final week of the global seminar. This will be an exam to test your knowledge of Prague as it relates to the geography of the city.

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COURSE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Accommodations

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If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see Temporary Injuries under Quick Links at Disability Services website (http://disabilityservices.colorado.edu/) and discuss your needs with your professor.

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http://www.colorado.edu/policies/fac_relig.html

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Course Policy: Attendance for all classroom and excursions is a required part of this global seminar.

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http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/judicialaffairs/code.html#student_code

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http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html AND http://honorcode.colorado.edu

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