NEW AND OLD BORDERS IN THE BLACK BALTIC SEA REGION

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Objectives of the course:

The aim of the course is to deepen the knowledge of the students, future masters of international relations, on a sculpturing of borders within the Black Baltic Sea region, the main issues of changing borders and boundaries in the region, and logics of inclusion and exclusion that shape its political contours.

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Learning outcomes:

1) To demonstrate profound knowledge of the concept of state boundaries, their classification, basic approaches to the study of border problems;

2) To demonstrate knowledge of historical stages of the formation of borders in the Baltic-Black Sea region;

3) To collect and analyze a large amount of information concerning functions of the borders after the First World War and in the interwar period, dynamics of boundary functions after the Second World War, functions of the borders after the collapse of the USSR and after the accession of the states of the region to the EU;

4) To conduct independent researches of the role of the integration function of borders in the cooperation of the Baltic-Black Sea region.

5) To communicate with experts, conduct discussions, provide arguments professionally defending point of view.

Study materials, including bibliography:

Obligatory

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