Politics of the Historical Memory

Course objectives:

1) Get acquainted with the concept of historical memory;

2) Identify the peculiarities of historical memory dimension in the countries of region;

3) Analyze the common European approach to historical memory policy;

4) Examine the background and the challenges of historical memory policy of the countries of BBSR;

5) Elaborate how historical memory policy of the counties would influence on the development of the cooperation within the BBSR region.

Learning outcomes:

1) To know what concept of “historical memory policy” includes;

2) To identify different approaches to historical memory policy;

3) To analyze how the political, social, economic and cultural heritage of the countries of region influences historical memory policy;

4) To understand the historical importance of the Baltic Black Sea Region;

5) To address key problems in the history of the Baltic-Black Sea region including the extent to which it was affected by modern ideologies, social change, revolution, warfare and displacement;

6) To understand the forms of co-operation and historical reconciliation in the Baltic and Black Sea region.

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