Regionalism in the Baltic and Black Sea Region

Brief description: Regionalism in the Baltic and Black Sea area course complements and integrates students’ knowledge of a complex of subjects studied under the field of study “International Relations, Regional Studies and Public Communications” by focusing on regional aspects of the development of region in general and development of certain countries in particular. Course plays an important role in theoretical and practical training of professionals majoring in international relations allowing them through the prism of studying processes of regionalism in the defined region to specify the importance of regional cooperation in internal and external processes, to understand the historical importance of the Black-Black Sea Region, to understand the forms of co-operation in the Baltic and Black Sea region.

Objectives of the course

* Describe peculiarities of the regionalism in the Baltic and Black Sea regions;
* Examine the process of the Baltic-Black Sea region making in historical perspective;
* Analyse the forms of cooperation in the Baltic and Black Sea regions

Learning outcomes

* To identify what is New Regionalism, its forms and functions of region building;
* To analyse the political, social, economic and cultural heritage of the Baltics with a view to understanding the particular nature of systemic change and development;
* To understand the historical importance of the Black Sea Region;
* 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;
* To understand the forms of co-operation in the Baltic and Black Sea regions.

Study materials, including bibliography (recommended and obligatory)

Obligatory:

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2) Ekengren, Magnus. 2016 Security and Safety in the Baltic Sea Region 1989-2004: Transformations and Three Agents of Change in The Politics of Security Sector Reform. Challenges and Opportunities for the European Union's Global Role. Routledge, - 350 p.

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6) Strang, Johan. 2015. Nordic Cooperation: A European region in transition. Routledge, - 210 р.

7) Wendt, Frantz. 2016. The Nordic Council and Co Operation in Scandinavia. Palala Press, -123 p.

8) Kern, Kristine. 2011. “Governance For Sustainable Development in the Baltic Sea Region”. Journal of Baltic Studies. Volume 42, 2011 - Issue 1: Transnational Governance and Policy-Making in the Baltic Sea Region. – P. 21-35

9) Yazkova A. Black Sea Area – An Important Direction of Subregional Cooperation (Possibilities and Realities) // Regionalism: Concepts and Approaches at the turn of the Century. – Bucharest, 1995. – 169-173.

10) Glebov S. The Black Sea Security Architecture in Times of Collapse: The Case of Annexed Crimea and Military Challenges for the US, NATO, EU, Turkey, and Ukraine // UA: Ukraine Analytica / ed. Dr. Hanna Shelest, Dr. Mykola Kapitonenko. - Issue 3 (5), 2016. – P. 36-46. (http://ukraine-analytica.org/wp-content/uploads/journal\_UA\_Analytica\_3\_2016.pdf).

Recommended:

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2) Budryte, Dovile. 2017. Taming Nationalism? Political Community Building in the Post-Soviet Baltic States. Routledge, - 248 р.

3) Heininen, Lassi. 2017. “The Arctic, Baltic, and North-Atlantic ‘cooperative regions’ in ‘Wider Northern Europe’: similarities and differences”. Journal of Baltic Studies. Volume 48, 2017 - Issue 4: Macro-regional Strategies of the European Union, Russia and Multilevel Governance in Northern Europe, - P. 435-45

4) Kuldkepp, Mart, Marklund, Carl. 2015. ”Norden beyond Norden – region-work in the margins”. Ajalooline Ajakiri, 2015, 3 (153), - P.213-222

5) Hamilton, Daniel S., Simonyi, András , Cagan, Debra (Eds.). 2014. Advancing U.S.-Nordic-Baltic Security Cooperation: Adapting Partnership to a New Security Environment. Center for Transatlantic Relations SAIS, - 235 p.

6) Espíritu, Aileen A., Kilpeläinen, Sarah, Lanko, Dmitry A. 2016. “The coordination of policy priorities among regional institutions from the Baltic Sea to the Arctic: the institutions – coordination dilemma”. Journal of Baltic Studies, Volume 48, 2017 - Issue 2. –P. 135-160

7) Bussmann, Margit, Nickel, Sebastian. 2018. “Transnational cooperation: a network analysis of town twinning in the Baltic Sea region”. Journal of Baltic Studies, 23 Mar 2018.

8) Gänzle, Stefan. 2011. “Introduction: Transnational Governance and Policy-Making in the Baltic Sea Region”. Journal of Baltic Studies. Volume 42, 2011 - Issue 1: Transnational Governance and Policy-Making in the Baltic Sea Region. –P. 1-7.

9) Berg, Eiki, Filtenborg, Mette Sicard. 2002. “Introduction: Territoriality, multilevel governance and cross-border networks in the Baltic Sea region”. Journal of Baltic Studies. Volume 33, 2002 - Issue 2: Baltic Sea Region: Territoriality, Multilevel Governance and Cross-border P. 129-136.

10) Glebov S. Russia’s Policy towards the Black Sea Region and EU-Russia Relations // Avoiding a New ‘Cold War’: The Future of EU-Russia Relations in the Context of the Ukraine Crisis / ed. Cristian Nitoiu. - London: LSE Ideas, 2016. – P. 57-63.