

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Deadline: February 23, 2015

Intensive Course

“Development –scenarios in Eastern Europe”

May 11 – May 16, 2015 in Tbilisi, Georgia

Jointly conducted by University of Helsinki, Aleksanteri Institute
Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Ilia State University,
Belarusian State University and Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno

Curriculum:

The course will elaborate the challenges and different perspectives of contemporary societal development with a comparative approach to the various Eastern and Western pathways. In addition to theoretical deliberations on current political models, the internal and external causes of the occurring divergences in political choices will be discussed. The course will shed light on the social, cultural and economic characteristics the diverse development patterns are rooted in. Furthermore, the impact of the geopolitical space of manoeuvre in between regional powers (of the EU and Russia) on domestic political options will be addressed. The course will include as main thematic blocs:

- Democracy – autocracy
- Changing concept of social welfare
- Populism and new features of political participation
- Good governance and problems of corruption
- Economic development
- Cultural values and changing cultural institutions

Course format, teaching methods and requirements:

The course entails a total of 125 hours, from which 25 hours of teaching is dedicated to various activating learning formats such as interactive lectures, flipped classroom, debating exercise, out of classroom activities (roundtable event with NGOs) and workshops. The applied methods are aiming to promote critical thinking and interaction. Mandatory pre-reading is required that will be disseminated to students one month before the course begins. In addition, the students requested to follow three e-lectures (of 30 minutes each) in advance – available 1 month before

the course begins on the course website. Attendance in all forms of teaching and a final essay of 10 pages is compulsory for completing the course.

Target students:

The course is designed for all TSU Master's level students. To be able to participate in the course a fluent command of English is inevitable.

Admission:

Your application must contain:

- Motivation letter (1 page)
- Academic transcript
- CV

Expenditures:





There are no tuition fees. For participants from University of Helsinki, Belarusian State University and Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno there will be free accommodation in Tbilisi and the flights will be covered.

Application and further information:

Please send your application via email – attached as pdf-file – to your respective program coordinator.

Applicants from *Finnish* universities are advised to submit their applications at: <https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/43638/lomake.html>

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