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Department of History

The history of revolutions in the 19th and 20th century		
Course instructor	Dr.sc. Vjeran Pavlaković	
Study programme	Graduate study programme in History	
Status of the course	Compulsory	
Year of study	1 st	
ECTS credits and	ECTS credits	3
manner of instruction	Number of class hours (Lectures +	30+0+0
	Exercises + Seminar)	

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

1.1. Course objectives

The course is taught through lectures and examinations aimed at analyzing the causes, courses and consequences of revolutionary sociopolitical changes that occurred in the 19th and 20th century. The aim is to increase students' knowledge of causes, courses and consequences of violent and radical changes in social and political system (from civil revolutions to communist revolutions). Furthermore, the aim is to point to the mechanisms behind revolutionary changes.

1.2. Course enrolment requirements and entry competences required for the course

No prerequisites.

1.3. Expected course learning outcomes

Expected outcomes:

- factual knowledge of revolutionary events in the 19th and 20th century
- understanding and distinguishing civil and socialist/communist revolutions
- comparing the mechanisms and goals of socially diverse revolutions
- providing analytical and critical overview and defining revolutions and revolutionary movements

1.4. Course content

- Introduction: The notion and the importance of revolution in political and social history.
- Categorizing revolutions according to revolutionary leaders and objectives
- The American War of Independence and the French Civil Revolution at the end of the 18th century

- The introduction to the revolutions occurring in the 19th century
- The Holy Alliance and the Congress of Vienna
- The transformation of Europe
- Revolutionary events in Central Europe during the 1930s
- The Spring of Nations in 1848
- Revolutionary movements occurring in Spain in the 1950s and 1960s
- The Paris Commune (1870); the beginnings of the theory of the socialist, working-class revolution
- The Russian Revolution of 1905
- The October (Socialist) Revolution of 1917
- The Chinese Civil Revolution, Civil War and Communist Revolution
- The phases of the Mexican Revolution
- The Hungarian Revolution, the Slovakian Revolution, the German Revolution
- The Spanish Civil War conceptualized as a revolution (1936-1939)
- The so-called Fascist Revolution and the Nazi Revolution
- The Cuban Revolution.
- Revolutions and the wars of independence in African countries and Latin America

1.5. Manner of instruction

- ✓ Lectures
- ✓ Individual assignments
- ✓ Multimedia and network
- ✓ Mentorship
- ✓ Other: consultations