

DETAILED SEMINAR SCHEDULE (REVISED)

Sunday, June 28: Arrivals

7 p.m.—Dinner with introductions, information, and discussion of organizational issues

Seminar meetings will take place Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. See schedule below for times and dates of city tours and museum visits.

WEEK 1

Day One (June 29): The Communist System

Reading:

- Vladimir Tismaneanu, *Reinventing Politics: Eastern Europe from Stalin to Havel* (The Free Press, 1993), Chapter Two, “Children in the Fog: From People’s Democracies to ‘Developed Socialism’” and Chapter Three: “From Thaw to Freeze: Eastern Europe under ‘Real Socialism’”
- Wayne C. Bartee, *A Time to Speak Out: The Leipzig Citizen Protests and the Fall of East Germany* (Praeger, 2000), Chapter Two: “The GDR: ‘A House without Doors and Windows’ and Its Guardians”
- Film: *East Germany: The Land Beyond the Wall* (1962)

Afternoon: 2 p.m.: One-hour guided tour of the GDR Museum

Day Two (June 30): Early Dissent: East Germany 1953, Hungary 1956, Prague 1968

Reading:

East Germany 1953:

- Arnulf Baring, “The East German Uprising of 1953” in Lyman H. Legters, ed., *Eastern Europe: Transformation and Revolution, 1945-1991* (D.C. Heath and Company, 1992), pp. 116-125;
- Richard Lowenthal, “The Uprising in Retrospect” in Legters, pp. 125-129

Hungary 1956:

- Imre Nagy, “The ‘New Course’ in Eastern Europe,” in Legters, pp. 147-149;
- Paul Kecskemeti, “Antomy of a Revolt,” in Legters, pp. 150-157;
- Anthony Rhodes, “Hungary 1956,” in Legters, pp. 158-164
- Film: *The Hungarian Uprising: 1956*

Prague 1968:

- Zdenek Mlynar, “Toward a Democratic Political Organization of Society,” in Gale Stokes, ed., *From Stalinism to Pluralism: A Documentary History of Eastern Europe Since 1945*, Second Edition (New York/Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996), pp. 123-125;
- Ludvik Vaculik, “Two Thousand Words to Workers, Farmers, Scientists, Artists, and Everyone,” in Stokes, pp. 126-130
- Antonin Liehm, “Intellectual Origins of the Reform Movement,” in Legters, pp. 183-192
- Film: *Czechoslovakia 1968: We Don’t Want to Live on Our Knees*

Afternoon: 2 p.m.: Trip to Checkpoint Charlie Museum

Day Three (July 1): Vaclav Havel, Charter 77 and Dissent in Czechoslovakia

Reading:

- Vaclav Havel, “The Power of the Powerless” in Havel, *Open Letters: Selected Writings 1965-1990* (Vintage, 1991), pp. 125-214
- “Charter 77,” in Stokes (1996), pp. 163-166.

Day Four (July 2): George Konrad’s Antipolitics and Dissent in Hungary

Reading:

- Gale Stokes, *The Walls Came Tumbling Down: The Collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe* (New York/Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1993), Chapter 3: “The Momentum of Change in Hungary,” pp. 78-101
- George Konrad, *Antipolitics: An Essay* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1984), Excerpts: “The Serpentine Strategy of Eastern European Liberation,” pp. 116-124; “The Demand for Self-Government in Eastern Europe,” pp. 133-147; “The Hungarian Road,” pp. 166-176; “Victory or Persuasion,” pp. 176-186; “The Democracy We Have—Among Ourselves,” pp. 195-207; “The Power of the State and the Power of the Spirit: Politics and Antipolitics,” pp. 216-233
- William Echikson, “Bloc Buster,” in Legters, pp. 427-434.

Day Five (July 3): 10 a.m.: Guided Tour of Prenzlauer Berg (2-3 hours)

July 4-5: Free Time

WEEK 2

Day One (July 6): Dissent in East Germany

Reading:

- Peter Wensierski, “The Unofficial Peace Movement in the GDR,” in Legters, pp. 135-144
- Christiane Olivo, *Creating a Democratic Civil Society in Eastern Germany* (Palgrave, 2001), Chapter 3: “Political Dissidence and Civil Society in Pre-1989 East Germany,” pp. 61-90.
- Guest speaker: Wolfgang Templin, former East German dissident, on political opposition in the 1980s

Day Two (July 7) Adam Michnik and Dissent in Poland

Reading:

- Adam Michnik, *Letters from Prison and Other Essays* (University of California Press, 1985): Part I: Letters from Prison, pp. 1-101
- Stokes (1993), Chapter One: “The New Opposition: Antipolitics and Solidarity,” pp. 12-45.

Day Three (July 8): Solidarity

Reading:

- Michnik, Part II: Solidarity, pp. 101-132 and “A New Evolutionism,” pp. 135-148
- “KOR’s Appeal to Society,” in Stokes (1996), pp. 194-199
- “The Gdansk Agreement,” in Stokes (1996), pp. 205-208
- “Solidarity’s Program,” in Stokes (1996), pp. 209-213
- Stokes (1993), Chapter 4: “Solidarity: The Return of the Repressed in Poland,” pp. 102-130.
- Film: *Solidarity*

Day Four (July 9): Interpretations of East-Central European Dissidence

Reading:

- Tismaneanu, Chapters 4 & 5: “A Glorious Resurrection: The Rise of Civil Society” and “The Ethos of Civil Society,” pp. 113-174

Day Five (July 10): 10 a.m.: Tour of Stasi Museum and
lecture on “Suppression and Dissent in the GDR” (3 hours)

July 11-12: Free Time

WEEK 3

Day One (July 13): The Fall of Communism and the Role of Citizen Groups

Reading:

- S. Saxonberg, *The Fall: Comparative Study of the End of Communism in Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary and Poland* (Routledge, 2000), Chapter One: “The Collapse,” pp. 3-34.
- Guest Speaker: Dr. Jan Wielgoths, Europa University Viadrina, on the reasons for the fall of communism

NOTE: The seminar meeting will take place from 1:00-4:00 p.m. (instead of the usual morning meeting time).

Day Two (July 14): The Revolutions of 1989

Reading:

- Timothy Garton Ash, *The Magic Lantern: The Revolution of '89 Witnessed in Warsaw, Budapest, Berlin and Prague* (Vintage Books, 1993)

Day Three (July 15): The Revolutions of 1989

- Guest Speaker: Petra Morawe, former East German dissident, on the peaceful revolution in East Germany

Day Four (July 16): Secondary Accounts of the Revolutions of 1989

Reading:

- Stokes (1993), Chapter 5: “The Glorious Revolutions of 1989,” pp. 131-167
- Tismaneanu, Chapter 6: “The Triumph of the Powerless: Origins and Dynamics of the East European Upheaval” pp. 175-239.

Day Five (July 17): 11 a.m.: One-hour tour on “Germany and Europe”
Exhibit on the Peaceful Revolution 1989/90—Alexanderplatz

July 18: Free Time

SUNDAY, JULY 19—DEPART FOR LEIPZIG

WEEK 4

Day One (July 20):

Reading:

- Bartee, Chapter 3: “Mosquitoes in the Air: The Church-related Alternative Groups in Leipzig,” pp. 77-102

10 a.m. Tour of Leipzig: “On the Trail of the Peaceful Revolution”

Day Two (July 21): Political Opposition in Leipzig

10 a.m. Tour of the Forum of Contemporary History

Day Three (July 22): The Ongoing Significance of East-Central European

Dissidence

Reading:

- Havel, *Summer Meditations* (Alfred A. Knopf, 1992), Chapter 1: “Politics, Morality and Civility,” pp. 1-20
- Jeffrey C. Isaac, “Rethinking the Legacy of Central European Dissidence,” *Common Knowledge* 10:1 (2004), pp. 119-129
- Olivo, Chapter 7: “What Happened to the Citizen Movements? Political Transformations and Democratic Legacies,” pp. 177-200.

Day Four (July 23): In Search of the East German Citizen Movements and Their Legacy

- Guest Speaker: Professor Dieter Rink on the legacy of the peaceful revolution in East Germany

Day Five (July 24):

Morning: Depart for Berlin

Afternoon: Last Seminar Meeting (1:00-4:00 p.m.)—Presentations of lesson plans

JULY 25--DEPARTURES

Required Texts:

Timothy Garton Ash, *The Magic Lantern: The Revolution of '89 Witnessed in Warsaw, Budapest, Berlin and Prague* (Vintage Books, 1993)

George Konrad, *Antipolitics: An Essay* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1984)

Adam Michnik, *Letters from Prison and Other Essays* (University of California Press, 1985)

Gale Stokes, *The Walls Came Tumbling Down: The Collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe* (Oxford University Press, 1993)

Vladimir Tismaneanu, *Reinventing Politics: Eastern Europe from Stalin to Havel* (Free Press, 1993)

Other readings in reader.

Recommended Reading:

Brown, J.F., *Surge to Freedom: The End of Communist Rule in Eastern Europe* (Duke University Press, 1991)

Garton Ash Timothy, *The Uses of Adversity: Essays on the Fate of Central Europe* (Vintage Books, 1990)

Joppke, Christian, *East German Dissidents and the Revolution of 1989* (New York University Press, 1995).

Long, Michael, *Making History: Czech Voices of Dissent and the Revolution of 1989* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2005)

Rothchild, Joseph and Nancy Meriwether Wingfield, *Return to Diversity: A Political History of East Central Europe since World War II* (Oxford University Press, 1999)

Zirakzadeh, Cyrus Ernesto, Part 3: "Poland's Solidarity and Movements against Dictatorial Regimes," in *Social Movements in Politics: A Comparative Study*, Expanded Edition (Palgrave, 2006): 77-132.