UKRAINE’S REVOLUTION OF DIGNITY: A RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN POLITICAL AND CULTURAL ENCOUNTER
Regional Institute
U65256
Points: 3
Time: Wednesday, 2:10-4:00pm
Instructor: Olga Bertelsen

This course focuses on the 2013-2014 Ukrainian revolution that became known as Euromaidan or the Revolution of Dignity, and examines the events in the Maidan Nezalezhnosti (Independence Square—the main square of Ukraine’s capital — Kyiv) in comparative perspective—historical, historiographic and spatial. The course traces the evolution of political activism of the Ukrainians, associated with their unequal status within the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union, and explores the reasons for their grievances during the years of Ukraine’s independence. In particular, the course investigates complex political, social and cultural foundations of Euromaidan, and examines the role of various institutions and agencies in the eruption of the revolutionary situation in Kyiv, which resulted in human casualties. Special attention is paid to the Russian Federation’s interventions in the political, social, economic and cultural processes in Ukraine during the revolution and during the period that preceded it (since 1991). Importantly, the course explores the continuity of the secret police’s activities and traditions, and analyzes the agency’s behavior during the stable phases and during the revolutionary cataclysms, such as the Orange Revolution and Euromaidan. In addition, a new culture that emerged after the revolution and manifested itself in literature, poetry, crafts and language will be analyzed. The events in Ukraine will be discussed and assessed in the context of colonial and national liberation academic and popular discourses, offering a much-needed assessment of “negative” and “positive” functions of revolutions, and the inevitable politicization of their goals and objectives. The course is interdisciplinary in nature, and provides theoretical and empirical understandings of the transnational significance of Euromaidan, and the subsequent Russian-Ukrainian war.

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UKRAINIAN FOREIGN POLICY: RUSSIA, EUROPE, & THE U.S.
Regional Institute
U8757
Points: 3
Tuesdays 2:10pm-4:00pm
Instructor: Valerii Kuchynskyi

As a result of Russia’s continued illegal intervention and provocative acts in Ukraine, the worst political crisis since the end of the cold war has evolved on the European
continent. Moscow has challenged the basic principles of international law, numerous bilateral agreements and threatens global peace and security. Is there anything the world community can do to stop the aggressor? Can diplomacy still play a role? These and other issues are dealt with in a newly revised course, delivered by a career diplomat. The instructor will share his own diplomatic experience, will trace the trajectory of Ukraine’s foreign policy and analyze the current international crisis.

If you are interested in foreign policy and diplomacy, this is the course to take. It is aimed at both graduate and advanced undergraduate students.

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POST COLONIAL/POST SOVIET CINEMA
Comparative Literature/Slavic
W4075
Points: 3
Tuesdays 6:10pm-10:00pm
Instructor: Yuri Shevchuk

The course will discuss how filmmaking has been used as a vehicle of power and control in the Soviet Union and in post-Soviet space since 1991. A body of selected films by Soviet and post-Soviet directors that exemplify the function of film making as a tool of appropriation of the colonized, their cultural and political subordination by the Soviet center will be examined in terms of post-colonial theories. The course will also focus on the often over looked work of Ukrainian, Georgian, Belarusian, Armenian, etc. national film schools and how they participated in the communist project of fostering a as well as resisted it by generating, in hidden and, since 1991, overt and increasingly assertive ways, their own counter-narratives.

ELEMENTARY UKRAINIAN I
Slavic
W1101
Points: 4
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8:40am-9:55am
Instructor: Yuri Shevchuk

Designed for students with little or no knowledge of Ukrainian. Basic grammar structures are introduced and reinforced, with equal emphasis on developing oral and written communication skills. Specific attention to acquisition of high-frequency vocabulary and its optimal use in real-life settings.
INTERMEDIATE UKRAINIAN I  
Slavic  
W1201  
Points: 4  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10:10am-11:25am  
Instructor: Yuri Shevchuk;  

Prerequisites: UKRN W1102 or the equivalent. Reviews and reinforces the fundamentals of grammar and a core vocabulary from daily life. Principal emphasis is placed on further development of communicative skills (oral and written). Verbal aspect and verbs of motion receive special attention.

ADVANCED UKRAINIAN I  
Slavic  
W4001  
Points: 3  
Mondays and Wednesdays 2:40pm-3:55pm  
Instructor: Yuri Shevchuk  

Prerequisites: UKRN W1202 or the equivalent. The course is for students who wish to develop their mastery of Ukrainian. Further study of grammar includes patterns of word formation, participles, gerunds, declension of numerals, and a more in-depth study of difficult subjects, such as verbal aspect and verbs of motion. The material is drawn from classical and contemporary Ukrainian literature, press, electronic media, and film. Taught almost exclusively in Ukrainian.

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September 8th is the first day of classes and September 18th is the final day to register for a class. For more information about courses or the Ukrainian Studies Program at Columbia University, please contact Dr. Mark Andryczyk at ukrainianstudies@columbia.edu or (212) 854-4697.