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# Abortion and homosexuality in Poland, East Central Europe and the Balkans, Online teaching 5 cr

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Online teaching, **14/3–4/5/2023**

Online course

Master's Programme in Area and Cultural Studies

Dawid Bunikowski

Teaching language **English**

Suitable for exchange students

ⓘ **The registration period has ended.**

Enrolment was open 14/2/2023 2:00 AM–8/3/2023 4:59 PM

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## Moodle

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### Learning goals

The course presents problems concerning abortion and homosexuality in Poland and chosen countries of East Central Europe and the Balkans (such as Czechia, Bulgaria or Romania and Serbia). This concerns abortion laws and debates as well as LGBT rights discourses and discussions about homosexuality and homosexuals or non-heterosexuals. Relevant laws, social

attitudes and practices concerning abortion and homosexuality are analysed in both the communist and post-communist/democratic periods.

## Lectures

1. Introduction to problems of abortion and homosexuality in Poland and East Central Europe as well as the Balkans. Attitudes to abortion and homosexuality.
2. Abortion in the communist Poland.
3. Abortion in the communist and post-communist Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria.
4. Abortion in the post-communist and democratic Poland.
5. Current abortion debate in Poland. New restrictions.
6. Homosexuality in Romania. From penalisation to depenalisation in 2001.
7. LGBT rights debates in the democratic Poland.
8. Religion, abortion and homosexuality in Poland and East Central Europe as well as the Balkans.
9. European values and standards versus conservatism in Poland and East Central Europe/the Balkans.
10. Other chosen contemporary problems and developments related to abortion and homosexuality in Poland and East Central Europe as well as the Balkans (discussions on civil partnerships, same-sex marriages, liberalisation of abortion law, the role of religion, tradition and morals, secularisation, women's rights, sexual minority rights, etc.).

## Completion

Lectures, reading, short written assignments after each lecture (in Moodle) and writing a 5-7-page essay on a topic agreed with the lecturer.

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## SCHEDULE

Moodle course area including a link to an online meeting room will become available for students on the starting day of the course. Lectures will be recorded and uploaded to Moodle.

## Online lectures

Date	Time (UTC-04:00/New_York) ⓘ	Location
Tu 14/3/2023	2:30 AM–4:00 AM	

Date	Time (UTC-04:00/New_York)	Location
Th 16/3/2023	2:30 AM–4:00 AM	
Tu 21/3/2023	2:30 AM–4:00 AM	
Tu 28/3/2023	1:30 AM–3:00 AM	

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## ADDITIONAL INFO

The course is open for all University of Helsinki degree and exchange students. Teaching programme might be subject to changes and additions, so please check course-specific information before the start of the course.

Please note that in most bachelor's or master's programmes you can transfer credits to optional studies. In case you wish to transfer the credits to some other study unit please contact the teacher responsible for the study unit.

This course is organised by the Aleksanteri Institute East Central European, Balkan and Baltic Studies (ECEBB). You can specialize in ECEBB in Bachelor's Programme in Cultural Studies and the Master's Programme in Area and Cultural Studies. ECEBB can also be taken as two study modules, ECEBB studies (KUKA-IK500 30 cr, or KUKA-IK520 15 cr) and ECEBB specialization studies (ALKU-IK530, 15 cr).

Coordinator: ECEBB Planning Officer minna.oroza at helsinki.fi

You can find more info at the [ECEBB website](#).

## COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

The following course units can be attained with this course implementation. On the course unit page you can find the course unit description and the other course implementations.

←	Course unit ALKU-IK533 Specialization studies in ECEBB studies
←	Course unit VIE-508 Optional ExpREES study unit I
←	Course unit VIE-509 Optional ExpREES study unit II
←	Course unit VIE-510 Optional ExpREES study unit III
←	Course unit VIE-511 Optional ExpREES study unit IV
←	Course unit VIE-512 Optional ExpREES study unit V
←	Course unit KIK-SL221 Optional Course 2
←	Course unit KIM-SB305 Special Course
←	Course unit KIK-PL221 Optional Course 2
←	Course unit ALKU-E318 Europe of Genders
←	Course unit KUKA-AL215 Practices of everyday life
←	Course unit SPT-375 Optional Studies in Gender Studies
←	Course unit SPT-377 Optional Studies in Gender Studies 2
←	Course unit SPT-378 Optional Studies in Gender Studies 3
←	Course unit SPT-540 Thematic studies
←	Course unit SPT-550 Thematic studies 2
←	Course unit SPT-560 Thematic studies 3

## What is a course unit?

The degree consists of course units, whose learning objectives and contents are defined in the curriculum. For one course unit, usually one or several implementations (e.g. lecture courses, exams, seminars) are held during the academic year. Once the student has passed it, the student has attained the course unit and is given a grade.

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