

A Social Face of Central Europe

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1. The Fate of Central Europeanness

Issues to be covered:

- patterns in the historiography of Central Europe;
- reasons why not to put Central Europe to death.

Literature:

- Antoni Podraza, *Central Europe as a Historical Region*, [in:] *Central Europe Between East and West*, J. Kłoczowski (ed.), Lublin 2005, pp. 30–45.
- Josef Kroutvor, *Střední Evropa: anekdota a dějiny*, [in:] J. Kroutvor, *Potíže s dějinami*, Praha 1990.

2. A Land of Ethnic Antagonisms

Issues to be covered:

- Central European antagonisms: Poland–Lithuania, Baltic states–Russia, Hungary and its neighbours, Croatia and the Balkans;
- opposition to the Western European context.

Literature:

- Marcin Dębicki, *Central Europe and its national antagonisms in a social perspective. Selected cases*

Further (detailed) reading:

- János Széky, *A Tradition of Nationalism*, “New Eastern Europe” 2014, no. 2, pp. 108–115.
- Ruta Kazlauskaitė, *Common past, divided memories: the ‘Question of Vilnius’ in the collective memory of the Polish minority members in Lithuania*, [in:] *Sąsiedztwa III RP – Lenkija, Litwa, Polska, Lietuva. Zagadnienia społeczne*, Marcin Dębicki, Julita Makaro (red.), Wrocław 2012, pp. 223–235.
- Dejan Jović, *Croatian EU Membership and the Future of the Balkans*, [in:] *Unfinished Business: The Western Balkans and the International Community*, V. Džihich, D. Hamilton (eds.), Washington, DC 2012, p. 201–209.
- M. Kaprāns, V. Zelče, *Dimensions of National Identity: A Study of the Views of Local Residents*, [in:] *Latvia. Human Development Report. National Identity, Mobility and Capability*, B. Zepa, E. Kļave (eds.), Riga 2011, pp. 23–38.

3. Poles & Czechs – the Neighbourhood of Social Asymmetry (Case Study)

Issues to be covered:

- interest in each other;
- attitudes to each other;
- cultural differences and their determinants.

Literature:

- Alicja Leix, *Pepiki a Pšonci – jak se vidí Češi a Poláci*, [in:] S. Graf, M. Hřebíčková, M. Petrjánošová, A. Leix, *Češi a jejich sousedé. Meziskupinové postoje a kontakt ve střední Evropě*, Praha 2015, pp. 235–253.
- *Attitude to other nationalities*, Public Opinion Research Centre, Warsaw 2016, no. 53 http://www.cbos.pl/EN/publications/reports/2016/053_16.pdf.

4. Central Europe Today

Issues to be covered:

- Central Europe twenty-five years after the collapse of Communism (populism, antyeuropeanness, immigration, social disappointment);
- attitudes to immigration;
- the future of Central Europe.

Literature:

- Jonathan Bousfield, *Growing Up in Kundera's Central Europe*, "New Eastern Europe" 2014, no. 2, pp. 123–129.
- Ivan Krastev, *Eastern Europe's Compassion Deficit*, "The New York Times", 8.09.2015 http://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/09/opinion/eastern-europes-compassion-deficit-refugees-migrants.html?_r=0

Topic for an essay: What does it mean to be a Central European? Justify your opinion