Perestroika in Central Europe

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### Introduction to Poland

**University of Kansas**

**History 101**

Department of History

Fall 1991

Instructor: Dr. Anna M. Cienciala

**Bibliography**

Readings are most frequently assigned from the following:

- Xeroxed lecture notes and other materials are on reserve (3 copies for a class of 30)

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**Butler University**

**Political Science 380**

Department of Political Science

Fall 1990

Instructor: Dr. David S. Mason

**Required textbooks**


**Required articles, indicated by an asterisk (*), are on reserve in the library.**
Suggested readings
Since this course addresses an ongoing process in Central Europe, regular perusal of *The New York Times* or *The Christian Science Monitor* is strongly recommended. Other recommended readings are on reserve in the library.

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THE COLLAPSE OF COMMUNISM IN EASTERN EUROPE

| 6     | A. Poland: non-communist government |
|-------| B. Hungary: the rift in the iron curtain |
|       | C. East Germany: the collapse of the Berlin Wall |
|       | D. Czechoslovakia: the velvet revolution |
|       | E. Romania: the fall of a dictator |


THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SOCIETIES

| 7     | A. Elections |
|-------| B. Constitutional changes |
|       | C. Independent groups |
|       | D. Multiple parties |
|       | E. The opening of the mass media |
|       | F. Privatization of the market |


ISSUES IN CHANGE: DOMESTIC

| 8     | A. Social movements and revolutions |
|-------| B. The process of democratization |
C. Transition to a market economy
D. Maintaining social justice
E. Nationalism
Read: D. Mason, "Solidarity as a New Social Movement;"* Robert Dahl, "The Path to Pol­
archy;"* "A Survey of Perestroika" in The Eco­
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Public Opinion;"* Marsha Olcott, "The Lithuanian
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Socialism to Liberal Democracy," Philippe Schmit­
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Current History, October 1989.

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ISSUES IN CHANGE: INTERNATIONAL
A. The promise and peril of a united Germany
B. The future of the European alliances
C. The end of the Cold War
D. The impact on the European communities and
1992
Read: Christoph Bertram, "The German Quest­
ion;"* Jim Hoagland, "Europe's Destiny;"*
McGeorge Bundy, "From Cold War toward Trust­
ing Peace;"* Douglas Clarke, "The New Security
Environment."*
Recommended read: Ronald Asmus, "A United
Germany;" Foreign Affairs, Spring 1990; "The
New Superpower," Newsweek, 2/26/90, 17-34;
Guenter Grass, "Don't Reunify Germany," in
Without Force or Lies, 203-10.

Supplementary bibliographical information
A. Bibliographies
The American Bibliography of Slavic and East European
Supplementary bibliographical information
B. Periodical Indexes
Social Science Index
Public Affairs Information Service Bulletin (journals, books, documents)
The New York Times Index
Monthly Catalog of U. S. Government Publications
Also see some of the computerized databases on the com­
puter terminals in the Reference Room. Ask a reference librar­
ian for help.

C. Yearbooks
Yearbook of International Communist Affairs (annual)
Political Handbook of the World
D. Translated Material from the Soviet and East European
Media
Joint Publications Research Service, USSR Reports (series
on "National Economy," "Military Affairs," Political and
Sociological Affairs" etc.) and East Europe
Foreign Broadcast Information Service, Daily Report: Soviet
Union and Daily Report: Eastern Europe. Indexes to these are
in the Reference Room.

Soviet Review (current periodicals)
Current Digest of the Soviet Press (weekly; current periodi­
cals)
E. Other Sources
Paul Shoup, The East European and Soviet Data Handbook
The Modern Encyclopedia of Russian and Soviet History
Soviet Studies (mostly politics and economics)
Slavic Review
Report on the USSR and Report on Eastern Europe
published by Radio Liberty/Radio Free Europe

Course Requirements
Two tests, a final exam, and a 10-15 page term
paper. I will also occasionally ask you to do short ungraded
"homeworks" on issues or material that we will discuss the
next class period. Your participation in class discussions will
be graded both on frequency and evidence of familiarity with
the assigned material. The final grade will be determined
roughly as follows: two tests, 20% each; final, 30% paper, 20%; participation, 10%.

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and Revolution in East-Central Europe and World Politics
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survey on popular perceptions of social justice in eleven
countries in east and west Europe.

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Corrections
In the April 1991 issue (Vol. XI, No. 2, p. 78, BOOKS
section) we misprinted the zip code for the Southwest Polonia Press.
The correct address is as follows: 3308 Nairn Street, El Paso, Texas
79925.

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