The goal of the course is to discuss major works on developmental pathways in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe in a broad historical perspective. Researchers participating in the seminars will get an overview on the various approaches to explaining divergence in political, social and economic developments between the Eastern and Western parts of Europe, and also within the region. The course wants to establish a dialogue between three types of scholarships: one dealing with the pre-regime change developmental pathways in the region, another dealing with factors that could account for persistent post-communist and post-enlargement developmental divergence and a third one that deals with issues of backwardness and core-periphery relations in global perspective.

The course is organized around five blocks:

**I. Broad historical perspectives on East-West divergence(s) in Europe**


**II. Conceptualizing and explaining backwardness**


III. The Long Nineteenth Century


IV. Globalization/Europeanization and core-periphery relations in Eastern Europe


Laszlo Bruszt and Visnja Vukov. (2016) ‘Core-Periphery Relations and European Integration – Introduction to the Special Issue of the Studies in Comparative International Development” manuscript

V. Globalization in Historical Perspective


Suggested readings


Herbert Kitschelt, Zdenka Mansfeldova, Radoslaw Markowski and Gabor Toka Post-Communist Party Systems: Competition, Representation, and Inter-Party Cooperation Cambridge University Press
Todorova, Maria (2009) *Imagining the Balkans* Oxford University Press


