

Course title	Eastern European economies (Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Belarus)
Course code	Ekon1059
Branch of science	Economics
Credits	1
ECTS	1:50
The total audience hours	16
Number of lectures	8
Seminars and practical work hours	8

Course developer (s)
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Grounding

Ekon1037 Economic fundamentals [Eastern 1.sem.] Ekon1049 Economic fundamentals [Eastern Europe 2nd sem.]

Course summary

Course aim - to develop the students understanding of the regional system in which a whole world intertwine, the EU and Latvian regions; it particularly emphasizes Eastern area regional characteristics and their socio-economic development of the underlying trends. The course focuses on the theoretical aspects of the process of regionalization of the world globalization process in modern trends in perspective. Course main objectives - to deal with the territorial organization of the economy and methods of spatial planning frameworks; to examine the eastern areas of natural resources and investment potential research opportunities and economic evaluation method; look at the criteria that determine the socio-economic development and their competitiveness in the new economic paradigm.

Results

Students

- are able to classify the regional economy of Eastern European countries;
- properly point out the economic structure of the main factors of regional economic development in Eastern Europe;
- properly assess the level of regional economic development in Eastern Europe, and make a comparative analysis;
- are able to write the paper about the direction of economic development in Eastern Europe.

Course plan

Course structure: Lectures - 8 hrs., Seminars - 8 hours.

Lecture topics:

1. Establishment of Regional Science.
2. Regional news problematic prerequisites for economics and sociology.
3. Economic Region concept. Regional development theories.
4. New regional paradigms and concepts.
5. Regions of research and regional economic trends in today.
6. Regional economic and regional policy formation mechanisms and correlations. h.)
7. International regional economic interaction in modern theory.

Seminar topics:

1. Regional economic and political peculiarities of the Baltic States (resources, industrial development, investment and innovation). (4 hrs.)

2. Regional economic and administrative peculiarities of Belarus (resources, sector development, investment and innovation). (4 h).

Requirements for credits

Participation in seminars, discussions, independent work execution, report preparation and presentation of one of the regional development issues (50%). Diff. test (50%).

Basic Training

1. Granberg A., Multiregional analysis with use of regional accounts and Input-Output tables./ Paper of 41th Congress of the European Regional Science Association, Zagreb, 2001.
2. Dažādā Latvija: novadi, pilsētas, rajoni, reģioni. Vērtējumi, perspektīvas, vīzijas. Rīga: Latvijas Statistikas institūts, Valsts reģionālās attīstības aģentūra, 2005.
3. Keišs S., Kazinovskis A. Reģionālā administratīvi teritoriālā iedalījuma reformas problēmas Laviņā. Rīga, 2001.
4. Martin R., Kitson M., Tyler P., Regional Competitiveness. UK: Routledge, 2006.
5. McCann, P. Urban and Regional Economics, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001.
6. Mayer, H. The homeland security industry and its impact on the Arlington, Virginia, economy (Issue Paper No. 7). Arlington County: Arlington Economic Development, 2005.
7. Олейников А.А. Экономическая теория. Политическая экономия национального хозяйства. Учебное пособие. В 2-х частях. Москва: ТЕИС, 2006.
8. Региональная экономика. Учебник для вузов.. Под ред. В.И.Видяпина, М.В.Степанова. Москва: ИНФА-М, 2002.

Further reading

1. Competitiveness of Region in the Period of Transition to the Market Economy. International comparative Analysis: Belarus, Lithuania, Latvia and Poland (Ed. W.Kosiedowski), Torun, "POZKAL", 2004. Ekonomikas un finanšu vārdnīca. (red. K.Krēsliņš).- Rīga: Norden AB, 2003.
2. Golebiewska B, Klepacki B., Regional Differentiation in Organisation, Productivity and Economics of Farms in Poland and in Germany// Economic Science for Rural Development N13, Ed. Eglīte A., Jelgava, 2007.Latvijas reģioni skaitļos. 2003 (Statistisko datu krājums). – Rīga, LR CSP, 2006.
3. Jermolajeva E. "Co-financing of European Union Funds – One of the Factor for Sustainable"// Economic Science for Rural Development N14, Ed. Eglīte A., -Jelgava, 2007.
4. Malkowski A."The Social-economic Development of Eastern and Western Polish Frontier Regions" //Economic Science for Rural Development N12, Ed. Eglīte A., -Jelgava, 2007.Mayer, H., Holzheimer, T., & Glidden, H. Fostering emerging technology sectors in Arlington County: An economic development strategy for knowledge creation and innovation. Economic Development Journal, 4(1), 2005.
5. Meņšikovs V. (atb. redaktors). Reģionu konkurētspēja. Daugavpils, Universitātes izdevniecība "Saule", 2002.
6. Petrova I., Jermolajeva E. Eiropas valstu pieredze teritoriālajā mārketiņgā un tas izmantošanas iespējas Latvijā. Daugavpils, Universitātes izdevniecība "Saule", 2007.
7. Thompson W.Preface to Urban Economics. Baltimore. John Hopkins Press, 1992.
8. Vilciņa A., Stokmane I. Ekonomikas prioritātes un globalizācijas iespēju pieejamība lauku rajonu iedzīvotājiem. // Starptautiskās konferences "Ekonomisko un sociālo attiecību transformācija procesi, tendences, rezultāti" rakstu krājums. - Rīga, Biznesa Augstskola Turība, 2001.
9. Voronovs V., Petrova I., Račko E. Reģionālās ekonomikas konkurētspējas paaugstināšana un aktīvā adaptācija globalizācijas apstākļos. Daugavpils, Universitātes izdevniecība "Saule", 2006.
10. Политика и экономика в региональном измерение. Под ред. В.Климанова и Н.Зубаревина. Москва, 2000.
11. Аношкина Е.Л. Регионосозидание: институционально-экономические основы. Москва: Гаудеамус, 2007.

12. Козьева И.А., Кузьбожев Э.Н., Световцева М.Г. Экономическая география и регионалистика (история, методы, состояние и перспективы размещения производительных сил). Москва: Высшее образование, 2007.
13. Экономика региона (под ред. В.И.Борисевича). -Минск. БГУЭ, 2002.
14. Байнев В.Ф., Пелих С.А., Радевич А.М. Управление экономикой региона. Учебное пособие. Минск: Изд-во Акад.упр., 2006.
15. Федоров Г.М., Корнеевец В.С. Экономическое развитие стран Балтийского региона в 1990-2007 годах. Калининград: Изд-во РГУ им.И.Канта, 2008.
16. [http:// www.eurostat.com](http://www.eurostat.com)
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Periodicals and other sources of information

1. EBSCO, search.epnet.com
2. Economic Bulletin, <http://www.springerlink.com/content/104394/>
3. Economic Outlook, <http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/toc.asp?ref=0140-489X>
4. European Journal of Population, <http://www.springerlink.com/content/102885/>
5. Regional Studies, Regional Studies Ass., UK.
6. Research in Economics, <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/10909443>
7. Review of Development Economics, <http://www.blackwellsynergy.com/links/toc/rode/>
8. Studio Regionalue i Lokalue, Varsev Univ., Poland
9. Tourism Economics, <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/ip/tec>

Course content

Regional Science Establishment. Regional news problematic prerequisites for economics and sociology. The concept of economic region. Regional development theories. The new regional paradigm and concepts. Regions of research and regional economic trends in today. Regional economic and regional policy formation mechanisms and correlations.