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Basic Information:

Course Title: ‘**MIGRATIONS BETWEEN BALKANS AND OTOMAN EMPIRE / TURKEY: MODELS, SOCIAL NETWORKS AND IDENTITIES**’

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Total Teaching Hours: 30

Annotation (up to 150 words)

The course offers a study of historical and ethnographic specifics of migrations between the Balkans and the Ottoman Empire / Turkey from the middle of the 19th century to the present day. He focuses on the characteristics and specificities of migratory patterns and forms, social networking and the development of the ethno-cultural identity of migrants (Turks, Tatars, Roma, Muslims). During the course, new and insufficiently researched questions will be discussed based on different historical sources and ethnographic materials through the methods of historical ethnography, transnationalism and multiculturalism, which will contribute to a deeper and more objective historical and ethnological knowledge and will give a new holistic and multifaceted view on the subject. The course deals with the current issues of ethno-cultural and social development of mobility and migration from and to the Balkans and Turkey, adaptation and integration models, political, cultural and social influences on sending and receiving countries as well as the mechanisms for determining potential migration.

Course content (brief description by topics or modules)

Module 1. Formation of Muslim communities in the Balkans. Factors for the spread of Islam. Hypotheses of Pre-Assemblage Settlement and Their Political Context. Islamization of the local population - "violent" or "voluntary"; The Rhodopes, Bosnia, Kosovo, Albania; roads and causes of Islam's penetration among the Balkan Christian population, mechanisms of assimilation. Colonization and migration.

Module 2. Overview of the modern state of the Muslim communities in the Balkans - common characteristics, ethnic and religious division, specifics: Albania (1 hour), Bosnia, Serbia and Kosovo, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Greece and Romania.

Module 3. Migrations from the Balkans to the Ottoman Empire / Turkey at the end of the nineteenth century until 1944. Ethnic and religious peculiarities of movements.

Module 4. Migrations from the Balkans to Turkey in the period 1945-1989.

Module 5. Migrations between the Balkans and Turkey in the period after 1990.

Module 6. Social and cultural peculiarities of the migrants from the Balkans in Turkey.

Module 7. Returning migrants.

Module 8. The role of the migrants in the political, social, cultural life of Turkey and the Balkans. Forecasts and prospects.

Teaching and assessment methods

Teaching method: Lectures (in-person and distance learning). The course is available in both Bulgarian and English.

Assessment method: Written assignment.



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Competencies acquired as a result of training (3–5 points)

- Acquisition of in-depth knowledge of historical and contemporary migration processes between the Balkans and the Ottoman Empire / Turkey.
- Development of skills for the analysis of migration patterns, transnational social networks and processes of formation, transformation and maintenance of ethnocultural and religious identities in conditions of mobility.
- Mastering interdisciplinary methodological approaches related to historical ethnography, migration studies, transnationalism and multilocality, as well as skills for working with different types of historical and ethnographic sources.
- Formation of competencies for critical interpretation of the processes of adaptation, integration and social interaction of migrant communities in sending and receiving societies.
- Development of abilities for independent research work, preparation of analytical texts and academic publications in the field of ethnology, anthropology, Balkan studies and migration studies.

Literature:

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Additional information (optional) (e.g., special requirements, laboratory equipment, prior knowledge)

The course is targeted at doctoral students in ethnology, cultural anthropology, sociology, psychology, history, and other fields within the humanities and social sciences.