

European Institutional History (RONALD CAR)

The course examines the state building process in Central and Eastern Europe, as compared to the Western model of modernity. It takes start from the political, social and institutional development in 19th and 20th Century England and Germany, seen as leading European models of – respectively - a pluralistic and a monistic idea of society. The second part of the course deals with the history of Central and Eastern Europe since the end of World War II until today. It explores the impacts of the processes of industrialization and urbanization on the political culture, society and institutions, and their connections with the major ideologies of the area – Nationalism and Communism. The final part of the course offers a view into the nowadays transition toward representative democracy and capitalist economy in that area, as into the related dynamics of EU enlargement and the building of new social elites.