



COURSES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES for ERASMUS INCOMING STUDENTS

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Course code	Course title (in English)	Language of instruction	Course offered to BA/BS, MA/MS, PhD	Semester (winter/summer)	ECTS	Workload (hours)			Lecturer/s's name	Lecturer/s's E-mail
						Lectures	Seminars	Practical work		
FFC9301 21 E006	Nations, Identifications and Media Representations	English	BA, MA	Summer	5	45	15	0	Assist. Prof. Slavka Karakusheva	skarakusheva@phls.uni-sofia.bg

Short description of the course: The course offers a discussion on the important role of media in establishing social structures, supporting the practices of community building and transforming the processes of construction, representation, and negotiation of multiple identities and identifications today. It aims to familiarize the participants with key topics, theoretical definitions, debates, approaches, and conceptual frameworks from the fields of media, nationalism, and migration studies. Alongside with introducing the current scholarly debate, the course will analyse examples from the media environment, nation state politics, and migration processes in the regional context of Southeastern Europe and the Balkans. By actively participating in the seminars and conducting own research, the participants will be able to develop a critical awareness of

1) the place of various media in sustaining or challenging the power relations in the society, 2) the agency of the actors, participating in the production, consumption and appropriation of media content, 3) the practices of representation and the processes of ethnic, national and transnational identifications in the contemporary media-saturated world.

Requirements for enrollment: NO

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FFCE392	Waste as a Resource and Materiality. Anthropology of Waste in the EU Periphery	English	BA/MA	summer	5	45	15	95	Velislava Petrova	vpetrova@phls.uni-sofia-bg

Short description of the course (in the language of instruction):

The course is aimed at understanding how cultures produce waste, how they define it as such and how the meanings of products change at the end of their life cycle.

The course will give you an insight of the waste history and contemporary waste treatment practices in Bulgaria with focus on Sofia city.

You will need to conduct small research on a waste related topic (visual, narrative or observative) and keep a waste diary.

Some of the questions we will discuss are:

What does waste mean? How do we use them? How do they state social relations? When do we decide that an object is unnecessary, that it has lost its value to us, and what do we do with it? What does the discarding of garbage mean and how does it change? Why was garbage wetter and

stickier 20 years ago? How does waste become resource? How is the materiality of objects defined at the end of their life cycle and how does it affect their economies?

We will answer these questions by exploring the way in which different categories of waste are constructed and by putting the issues in a contemporary context

Requirements for enrollment: YES

If any, please describe the specific requirements: The course will start with 5 enrolled students at least.