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Course title	THE BALTIC STATES, COLLECTIVE SECURITY AND THE SEARCH FOR PEACE DURING THE INTERWAR PERIOD
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II.

Course structure (Number of hours per summer school session)				
Level	Lecture	Seminar	Practical course	Summer school year
Beginners	6	6		2 nd

III.

Optionality category	Imposed	Optional	Freely chosen
		X	

IV.

Supervisor				
	Lecture	Seminar	Application	Project
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Scientific title	Ph.D.	Ph.D.		
Position	Professor	Professor		

V.

Objectives
The course tackles the foreign and security policy of the Baltic States and their endeavors for collective security and peace during the interwar period. Counting among the smallest countries in Europe and situated in one of its most troubled region (neighboring the totalitarian state of the Soviet Union and under the threat of Nazi Germany in the 1930s), the Baltic States acutely felt a deficit of security. For most part of the interwar period they based their foreign and security policy on collective and regional security and attempted to nurture a climate of peace around them. This course defines the meaning of collective security and peace as seen from the perspective of the Baltic States and surveys the main documents and initiatives which show the Baltic contribution to security and peace in the age between the world wars. The course will also challenge Moscow's allegations against the Baltic States of

forming an anti-Soviet military alliance, which served as excuses for their gradual annexation in 1939-1940. Such contentions can still be found in Russian historiography today. How do the Baltic interwar foreign and security policies and their later experiences explain the major security choices after 1990/1991 is also an aim of this course. Moreover, the course will shade light on the policies of the Baltic States with regard to the current international crisis in the Ukraine.

VI.

Course structure	No. hours
VI.1. Lectures	
Lecture 1: Collective security and peace in the international treaties of the interwar period.	1
Lecture 2: The Baltic States and collective security during the interwar period.	2
Lecture 3: The Baltic States and peace during the interwar period.	2
Lecture 4: The legacy of interwar and post-1939 period in the foreign and security policies of the Baltic States.	1
Total:	6 hours
VI.2. Seminar	
Readings, discussions and movies about topics approached during the lectures.	
Total:	6 hours
VI.3. Application (if the case)	
VI.4. Project topic (if the case)	

VII.

Syllabus outline
Collective and regional security during the interwar period; the role of small states in the League of Nations; the foreign and security policies of the Baltic States in national documents; the foreign and security policies of the Baltic States in international documents; Baltic initiatives at the League of Nations; the Baltic Entente of 1934; Baltic peace initiatives; the Ribbentrop-Molotov Pact; the Soviet ultimatums to the Baltic States (1939); the Soviet annexation of the Baltic States (1940); overview of the Baltic fate during World War II and the Cold War; the Baltic foreign and security policy after regaining their independence in 1990-1991; the Baltic States and the crisis in the Ukraine.

VIII.

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IX.

Forms of activity	Methods and techniques used in the teaching process
Lecture	Thematic lectures, PowerPoint presentations.
Seminar	Text analysis, interactive methods of acquiring new knowledge.
Application	
Project	

X.

Type	Assessment system (written, written and oral, oral, others)	
Exam	Written examination (for the lectures)	
Colloquium		
Continuous assessment	Continuous assessment (for the seminars)	
Project		

