

Masculinities and Men's Studies in Eastern Europe

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Course annotation

During the course the constructing of the masculinities in different spheres of social life will be analyzed, the aspects of men's studies in the western and post-soviet sociology and peculiarities of men's movement will be discussed. Moreover, the course topics cover such issues as the phenomenon of the crisis of masculinity, the changes of gender roles and their influence on the contemporary men's identities, hegemonic and alternative masculinities, homosexuality and male sexuality, fatherhood practices, destructive masculine practices etc. And finally the problem of transformation of gender (particularly, male) roles in Eastern Europe and in the contemporary Ukraine will be discussed.

Requirements and Grading

To get credit points, students have the following workload:

3 ECTS - writing course essay of 6-8 pages

6 ECTS - presenting during class; writing course essay of 6-8 pages

9 ECTS - presenting during class; writing and presenting course essay of 12-16 pages

Type of work	Grading, %		
	9 ECTS	6 ECTS	3 ECTS
Class participation (reading assigned literature, participation in discussions)	30	40	50
Power point (10 minutes) presentation of chosen topic for seminar	10	10	n/a
Group project (15 pages, around 5 pages for every participant)	50	50	50
Presentation and discussion of group project results	10	n/a	n/a
Total	100	100	100

Grades will be recalculated into European University of Viadrina 1 (best) to 5 (worst) points scale.

Students' participation in the classes

Every topic has assigned and additional literature. Students are supposed to read assigned literature to participate in class discussions. Students who want to get 6 or 9 ECTS credits are supposed to choose (in advance) and inform teacher about chosen topic of presentation. Every class has mentioned topics of presentation to choose (accept one class where debates will be organized).

Literature is on course **moodle**.

Presentation should have professionally made Power point (or Prezi) and last not more than 10 minutes. In the presentation additional (and other literature found by presenter) could be used. It should be logical, analytical and critical, based on references (in case of citing figures or thoughts). Structure of presentation: key points, ideas (examples) to explain them, conclusions (and possible questions to audience for discussions).

Criteria of presentation evaluation	10 points
Logic and structure	3
Ideas (based on readings), professional terminology	5
Time limit	2

All students should participate in and write results of **group project** on masculinities in the contemporary Eastern-European societies (choose appropriate title for your project). Students should organize themselves into groups by three people.

The objects of research – men in borderland, Poland close to Frankfurt / Oder. Students are supposed to gather empirical material using such sociological methods as observation or participants observation, interviews, visual methods (pictures) etc.

You could observe men in different public places (shops, cafes, pubs, sports places etc.), doing different practices (fathering, drinking, talking), search for typical male spaces etc., observe different collective (homosocial) male practices etc.

Please note that you security is your personal responsibility. Empirical material should be well connected with literature that you read for the course (theoretical part of essay).

Essay should have academic structure: introduction, main part (it may consists from 2-3 sub-parts), and conclusions.

Students must refer on literature and use academic requirements guidelines.

PLAGIARISM IN ESSAYS IS FORBIDDEN AND PENALTY IS PAPER REJECTION!

Grading of Essays	50 % of total grade	Your own grade
Paper structure required, logical and well-reasoned argumentations	15	
Relevant information on your researched topic (situation in men in Frankfurt Oder and / or Germany etc.)	15	
Knowledge of theoretical literature on topic researched and references (correctly done according to academic requirements)	10	
Professional terminology	5	
Grammatical correctness and academic style	5	
Total	50	

Topics for classes

Week 0 (April 9). Introduction to course.

Week 1 (April 16). Men's studies in Northern America, EU and in the Eastern Europe.

- Why do we need men's studies in gender / women's / feminist studies? Friendship or competition?
- Institutionalization of men's studies

Assigned readings:

1. American Men's Studies Association (about, news, resources; Journal of Men's Studies) <http://mensstudies.org/>
2. Hearn, J., Pringle, K., Muller, U., Oleksy, E., Lattu, E., Chernova, J., et al. (2002a). Critical studies on men in ten European countries: (1) the state of academic research. Men and masculinities, 4(4), 380–408.

Additional readings:

1. Hearn, J., Pringle, K., Muller, U., Oleksy, E., Lattu, E., Chernova, J., et al. (2002b). Critical studies on men in ten European countries: (2) the state of statistical information. Men and masculinities, 5(1), 6–31.
2. Hearn, J., Pringle, K., Muller, U., Oleksy, E., Lattu, E., Tallberg, T., et al. (2002c). Critical studies on men in ten European countries: (3) the state of law and policy. Men and masculinities, 5(2), 192–217.

3. Hearn, J., Pringle, K., Muller, U., Oleksy, E., Lattu, E., Tallberg, T., et al. (2003). Critical studies on men in ten European countries: (4) newspaper and media representations. *Men and masculinities*, 6(2), 173–201.
4. *Men's and Masculinity: a Global and Historical Bibliography* (2007), compiled by D.F. Janssen, Men's Studies Press, 250 p. (Chapter "Russia").
5. Novikova, I., Pringle, K., Hearn, J., Muller, U., Oleksy, E.H., Lattu, E., Chernova, J., Ferguson, H., Holter, O. G., Kolga, V., Ventimiglia, C., Olsvik, E., Tallberg, T. (2003) Men, Masculinities and "Europe" in *Men in the Global World: Integrating Postsocialist Perspective*. Irina Novikova and Dimitar Kambourov [Eds.], Kikimora Publications, p. 75-102.

Task for students: choose country (except USA) and prepare overview of men's studies online resources

Week 2 (April 23). Concept of hegemonic masculinity and its rethinking.

- Origin, formulation and application
- Critiques, review and reformulation

Assigned reading:

1. Connell, R. W., and Messerschmidt, J. W. (2005), Hegemonic masculinity: rethinking the concept in *Gender and society*, 19(6), p. 829–859.

Additional readings and articles for presentations:

1. Hearn, Jeff (2004), From hegemonic masculinity to the hegemony of men in *Feminist Theory* 5(1), p. 49–72.
2. Messerschmidt, J. W. (2012), Engendering Gendered Knowledge: Assessing the Academic Appropriation of Hegemonic Masculinity in *Men and Masculinities*, 15(1), p. 56-76.

Week 3 (April 30). Gender, state and society in Soviet and Post-Soviet Eastern-European countries.

- Gender, masculinity and working mother in the service of Soviet state power
- Gender after Soviet rule
- Models of masculinity in Soviet and Post-Soviet times: general overview

Assigned readings:

1. Ashwin, Sarah (2000). Introduction: gender, state and society in Soviet and post-Soviet Russia in *Gender, state, and society in Soviet and post-Soviet Russia*. Ashwin, S. (Ed.) London: Routledge, p. 1-23.
2. Kay, Rebecca (2006), Introduction: Studying Men in Russia: Historical Perspective and International Context in *Men in Contemporary Russia. The Fallen Heroes of Post-Soviet Change?* London, Ashgate, p. 1-18.

Additional readings:

1. Janey B. A., Plitin S., Muse-Burke J. L., Vovk V. M. (2009), Masculinity in Post-Soviet Ukraine: An Exploratory Factor Analysis in *Culture, Society and Masculinity*, Vol. 1, Issue 2, p. 137-154.
2. Oleksy, E.H., Rydzewska, J. (2003) Poland: Gender Relations in New Europe Men, Masculinities and "Europe" in *Men in the Global World: Integrating Postsocialist Perspective*. Irina Novikova and Dimitar Kambourov [Eds.], Kikimora Publications, p. 189-211.

Additional readings and articles for presentations:

1. Bureychak, Tetyana (2012), Masculinity in Soviet and Post-Soviet Ukraine: Models and Their Implications in *Gender, Politics, and Society in Ukraine*, ed. by Olena Hankivsky and Anastasiya Salnykova, University of Toronto Press, p. 325-359.
2. Wojnicka, K. (2003), (Re)constructing masculinity a la Polonaise in *Men in the Global World: Integrating Postsocialist Perspective*. Irina Novikova and Dimitar Kambourov [Eds.], Kikimora Publications, p. 71-83.

Week 4 (May 7). Gender, masculinity and sexuality in Eastern Europe.

- Sexuality and politics in Russia: historical and sociological perspectives
- Sexualities of different masculinities: challenges of intersectionality

Assigned readings:

1. Kon, Igor (1999), Sexuality and politics in Russia (1700-2000) in *Sexual cultures in Europe. National Histories*. F.X.Eder, L.A. Hall and G. Hekma [eds.]. Manchester University Press, 1999, p. 197-218 // <http://sexology.narod.ru/publ012.html>
2. Kon, Igor (2000), Sexual Culture and Politics in Contemporary Russia // http://sexology.narod.ru/english/igor_kon004.html

Additional readings and articles for presentations:

1. Omel'chenko, Elena (2000) 'My body, my friend?' Provincial youth between the sexual and the gender revolutions in *Gender, state, and society in Soviet and post-Soviet Russia*. Ashwin, S. (Ed.) London: Routledge, p. 137-167.
2. Phillips, Sarah D. (2011), Disability, Gender, and Sexuality in the Era of "Posts" (Chapter 5) in *Disability and Mobile Citizenship in Postsocialist Ukraine*, Indiana University Press, p. 170-248. (attention to Men's Personal Narratives of Disability, Masculinity, and Sexuality).

Additional information: Igor Kon's works in English:

<http://sexology.narod.ru/english/books.html>

Week 5 (May 14). Gay masculinities and homophobia in Eastern Europe.

- Reconstruction of gay identity
- Homophobia in Post-Soviet societies

Assigned readings:

1. Beaudoin, Luc (2006), Raising a pink flag: the reconstruction of Russian gay identity in the shadow of Russian nationalism in *Gender and national identity in twentieth-century Russian culture*. Goscilo, H., & Lanoux, A. (Eds.) DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, p. 225-240.
2. Martsenyuk, Tamara (2012), Ukrainian Societal Attitudes towards the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Communities in *Gender, Politics, and Society in Ukraine*, ed. by Olena Hankivsky and Anastasiya Salnykova, University of Toronto Press, p. 385-410.

Additional readings and literature for presentation:

1. Cashmore, Ellis and Cleland, Jamie (2012), Fans, homophobia and masculinities in association football: evidence of a more inclusive environment in *The British Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 63, Issue 2, p. 370-387 // <http://blogs.staffs.ac.uk/elliscashmore/files/2013/05/BJS-homophobia.pdf>

Week 6 (May 21). Crisis of masculinity or men in crisis: challenges of Post-Soviet transformation.

- 'Being a man' in contemporary Russia
- (Self)-Marginalization of men, homeless men and the crisis of masculinity

Assigned readings:

1. Ashwin, S., & Lytkina, T. (2004). Men in crisis in Russia: the role of domestic marginalization. *Gender and society*, 18(2), p. 189–206.
2. Kay, Rebecca (2006), Heroes or villains?: 'being a man' in contemporary Russia in *Men in Contemporary Russia. The Fallen Heroes of Post-Soviet Change?* London, Ashgate, p. 19-44.

Additional readings and chapter for presentation:

1. Kiblitckaya, Marina (2000) 'Once we were kings': male experiences of loss of status at work in post-communist Russia in *Gender, state, and society in Soviet and post-Soviet Russia*. Ashwin, S. (Ed.) London: Routledge, p. 90-104.
2. Riabchuk, Anastasiya (2012), Homeless Men and the Crisis of Masculinity in Contemporary Ukraine in *Gender, Politics, and Society in Ukraine*, ed. by Olena Hankivsky and Anastasiya Salnykova, University of Toronto Press, p. 204-221.

Week 7 (May 28). Models of (Post)Soviet masculinities: how to survive transitions?

- New Russian masculinities: challenges of new market economy
- Heavy drinking practices

Assigned readings:

1. Kay, Rebecca (2006), What kind of a man doesn't provide for his family?: Making ends meet in the new labour market in *Men in Contemporary Russia. The Fallen Heroes of Post-Soviet Change?* London, Ashgate, p. 73-98.

2. Meshcherkina, Elena (2000) New Russian men: masculinity regained? in *Gender, state, and society in Soviet and post-Soviet Russia*. Ashwin, S. (Ed.) London: Routledge, p. 105-117.

Additional readings:

1. Kay, Rebecca (2006), What's a man without capital?: the pitfalls and potential of private Enterprise in *Men in Contemporary Russia. The Fallen Heroes of Post-Soviet Change?* London, Ashgate, p. 99-124.
2. Goscilo, Helena (2013), Putin's Performance of Masculinity: the Action Hero and Macho Sex-Object in *Putin as Celebrity and Cultural Icon*, ed. by Helena Goscilo, BASEES / Routledge Series on Russian and East European Studies, p. 180-207.

Topics for presentation:

1. Borenstein, Eliot (2006), Selling Russia: prostitution, masculinity, and metaphors of nationalism after perestroika in *Gender and national identity in twentieth-century Russian culture*, Goscilo, H., & Lanoux, A. (eds.). DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, p. 174-195 // http://www.academia.edu/5040981/Selling_Russia_Prostitution_Masculinity_and_Metaphors_of_Nationalism_after_Perestroika?login=tarakuta@gmail.com&email_was_taken=true
3. Zdravomyslova, Elena and Chikadze, Elena (2000), Scripts of Men's Heavy Drinking in *Idantutkimus*. N 2, p. 35-51 // <http://www.indepsocres.spb.ru/zdrav1.htm>

Week 8 (June 4). Historical models of masculinity in Post-Soviet Ukraine

- Cossacks discourses and practices
- Vikings and Cossacks in present Sweden and Ukraine

Assigned readings:

1. Bureychak T. In search of heroes: Vikings and Cossacks in present Sweden and Ukraine // NORMA (Nordic Journal for Masculinity Studies). – 2012. – Vol. 7. – Issue 2. – P. 139–159.

Article for additional reading and presentation:

1. Bureychak, Tetyana (2009), Cossacks in Ukrainian consumer culture: new old masculinity model in Proceedings from GEXcel Theme 2: Deconstructing the Hegemony of Men and Masculinities Conference 27– 29 April 2009, ed. by Jeff Hearn, Linköping: Institute of Thematic Gender Studies // http://www.genderexcel.org/?q=webfm_send/55

Week 9 (June 11). Men and army: masculinities and state.

- To be “real” men or socialization via military institutions
- Masculinity and heroism
- Obligation or discrimination?

Assigned readings:

1. Kay, Rebecca (2006), Military service: rite of passage or waste of time? in *Men in Contemporary Russia. The Fallen Heroes of Post-Soviet Change?* London, Ashgate, p. 47-72.
2. Waisberg, Peter D. (2004), The Duty to Serve and the Right to Choose: The Contested Nature of Alternative Civilian Service in the Russian Federation in *The Journal of Power Institutions in Post-Soviet Societies*, Issue 1 (Dedovshchina: From Military to Society) // <http://pipss.revues.org/224>

Additional readings and article for presentation:

1. Oleynik, Anton (2004), *Dedovshchina* as an Element of the «Small Society»: Evidence From Russia and Other Countries in *The Journal of Power Institutions in Post-Soviet Societies*, Issue 1 (Dedovshchina : From Military to Society) // <http://pipss.revues.org/136>
2. Petrone, Karen (2002), Masculinity and Heroism in Imperial and Soviet Military-Patriotic Cultures in *Russian masculinities in history and culture*, ed. by B. E. Clements, R. Friedman, and D. Healey, New York: Palgrave, p. 172-193.

Week 10 (June 18). Sports, health, and masculinities in transition.

- Body politics and masculinity

Assigned readings:

1. Gilmour, Julie and Clements, Barbara Evans (2002), 'If You Want to Be Like Me, Train!': The Contradictions of Soviet Masculinity in *Russian masculinities in history and culture*, ed. by B. E. Clements, R. Friedman, and D. Healey, New York: Palgrave, p. 210-222.
2. Prokhorova, Elena (2006), The post-utopian body politic: masculinity and the crisis of national identity in Brezhnev-era TV miniseries in *Gender and national identity in twentieth-century Russian culture*, Goscilo, H., & Lanoux, A. (eds.). DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, p. 131-150.

Additional readings:

Bureychak, Tetyana (2012), Masculinity in Soviet and Post-Soviet Ukraine: Models and Their Implications in *Gender, Politics, and Society in Ukraine*, ed. by Olena Hankivsky and Anastasiya Salnykova, University of Toronto Press, p. 325-359.

Additional readings and articles for presentation:

Kay, Rebecca (2006), Just give me an aspirin and I'll be fine: the provision of social services and support for men: a case study of the Altai Regional Crisis Centre for Men in *Men in Contemporary Russia. The Fallen Heroes of Post-Soviet Change?* London, Ashgate, p. 179-206.

Week 11 (June 25). Fatherhood in (Post)Soviet and Western societies.

- Fathering practices and responsible parenthood
- Watching and discussing Ukrainian documentary on parental leave and men's involvement into parenting

Assigned readings:

1. Kay, Rebecca (2007), "In our society it's as if man is just some kind of stud": Men's Experiences of Fatherhood and Fathers' Rights in Contemporary Russia", in *Equal or Different? Gender, Equality and Ideology under State Socialism and After*, ed. by R. Kay, Basingstoke: Palgrave, p. 125-145.
2. Kukhterin, Sergei (2000), Fathers and patriarchs in communist and post-communist Russia in *Gender, state, and society in Soviet and post-Soviet Russia*. Ashwin, S. (Ed.) London: Routledge, p. 71-89.

Additional readings:

1. Kay, Rebecca (2006), I couldn't live without my kids: fatherhood as a contested identity in *Men in Contemporary Russia. The Fallen Heroes of Post-Soviet Change?* London, Ashgate, p. 127-152.
2. Koshulap, Iryna (2012), Cash and/or Care: Current Discourses and Practices of Fatherhood in Ukraine in *Gender, Politics, and Society in Ukraine*, ed. by Olena Hankivsky and Anastasiya Salnykova, University of Toronto Press, p. 362-384.
3. Wall G., Arnold S. How Involved is Involved Fathering? An Exploration of the Contemporary Culture of Fatherhood // *Gender and Society*. – 2007. – Vol. 21 (4). – P. 502-527.
4. Williams S. What is Fatherhood? Searching for Reflexive Father // *Sociology*. – 2008. – Vol. 42 (3). – P. 487-502.

Topic for presentation:

Koshulap, Iryna (2007), Cash and / or Care: Discourses and Practices of Fatherhood in Contemporary Ukraine, Central European University, for degree of MA in Gender Studies (Chapter 3 and 4).

Week 12 (July 2). Involving men into gender equality implementation: case studies from OSCE region.

- Could men be (pro)feminist?
- Effective practices in engage men and boys

Assigned readings:

1. Duban, E. (2011), Effective practices in engage men and boys, *MENDING INEQUALITIES: Men and Gender Equality in the OSCE Region*, ed. by Jamila Seftaoui. OSCE, Vienna, p. 24-89 (only 3.1-3.5).
2. Goldrick-Jones, Amanda (2002), Introduction: "Profeminist Men": Who and Why? in *Men Who Believe in Feminism*, Praeger Publishers, p. 1-9.

Topics for presentation:

Presentation and discussion of chosen strategy:

- Addressing Inequalities in Employment
- Engaging Men through Health
- Security and conflict

Duban, E. (2011), Effective practices in engage men and boys, *MENDING INEQUALITIES: Men and Gender Equality in the OSCE Region*, ed. by Jamila Seftaoui. OSCE, Vienna, p. 24-89.

Weeks 13 (July 9) & 14 (July 16) – group projects presentation and discussion