This 1-credit mini-course will focus on Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Bloc over the past 20 years as political and economic transition has swept the region. During this critical period in history, much of Central and Eastern Europe left communism behind (sometimes predictably, other times dramatically) and joined Western Europe as members of NATO and the EU.

Political, cultural, and social changes will be the focus of readings and class discussions. Two lectures will be given by Aleksandar Kwasniewski, former President of Poland (1995-2005) and an expert on European integration. Attendance at all lectures required.

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