

Post-soviet Demography

1. Course Description

This discipline is devoted to the brief history of the population and the description of the current demographic situation and processes (fertility, mortality, migration) in Russia and the whole Post Soviet territory. Also the course includes not only description but the causal relation and explanations from different theories of the observed phenomenon. In the course we will pay attention on the main social, economic and political consequences of the abovementioned processes for the certain territory of the former USSR (countries and regions within the countries) and even neighbor countries. The demographic and functional projections will be demonstrated to the students and discussed with them.

2. The position of the course in the structure of the educational program

2 year, elective course, 48 hours (24 lectures + 24 seminars)

2.1. Prerequisites of the course:

- It is useful but not necessary to have knowledge in
- basic Geography and Biology
 - basic Math and Statistics

3. Topic-Wise Curriculum Plan

The hours are equally distributed between lectures and workshops (discussions of the different cases)

№	Topic name	Course hours, total	Audience hours	
			Lectures	Workshops
1.	Post-Soviet Population. Main trend, divergences and convergences, demographic transitions	4	4	0
2.	Demographic potential of the territory in comparison with the neighboring countries	2	3	4
3.	Mortality in the Soviet and Post-Soviet period	4	4	4
4.	Fertility in the Soviet and Post-Soviet period	4	4	4
5.	Migration within the Post-Soviet space	4	4	4
6.	Population policies.	2	4	4
7.	Demographic projections and prospective development of the Post-Soviet territories	4	2	4
	Total	48	24	24

4. Readings:

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3. Shkolnikov, V. M., Cornia, G. A., Leon, D. A., & Meslé, F. (1998). Causes of the Russian mortality crisis: evidence and interpretations. *World development*, 26(11), 1995-2011.
4. Stuckler, D., King, L., & McKee, M. (2009). Mass privatisation and the post-communist mortality crisis: a cross-national analysis. *The Lancet*, 373(9661), 399-407.
5. Zakharov, S. V. (1999). Fertility trends in Russia and the European newly independent states: Crisis or turning point?. *Population Bulletin of the United Nations*, (40-41), 292-317.
6. Zakharov, S. (2008). Russian Federation: From the first to second demographic transition. *Demographic Research*, 19(24), 907-972.