**Living in Russia.**

**Population Structure and Demographic Development of Russia and Post-Soviet countries**

**Lecturer:**

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**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**

Credits: 2 ECTS,

Course duration: within the period 2 weeks, 16 hours (tutorials-lectures + workshops)

Academic control forms: group activities, home assignment and a written test.

**2.1. Prerequisites of the course:**

It is useful but not necessary to have knowledge in

• basic Geography and Biology

• basic Math and Statistics

* basic Economics

**3.Topic-Wise Curriculum Plan**

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

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| № | Topic name | Course hours, total | Audience hours |
| Lectures | Workshops |
|  | Population living within the Post-Soviet Space | 4 | 2 | 2 |
|  | Life in Russia. Family and union formation, fertility in the Soviet and Post-Soviet period and the family policy | 4 | 2 | 2 |
|  | Death in Russia. Mortality and healthcare in the Soviet and Post-Soviet period | 4 | 2 | 2 |
|  | Migration within the Post-Soviet space: main flows and determinants | 4 | 2 | 2 |
|  | **Total** | 16 | 8 | 8 |

**Topic 1.**

Development of Russia and its population in the period of Russian Empire, Soviet time and Current period. The influence of historical events, social and economic policy on demographic behaviour of Russians. Population structures, who lives in Russia and Post-Soviet space, characteristics by: sex, age, nationality, education, income etc. What will happen with the Russian population in the forthcoming decades?

**Topic 2**

Reproductive behaviour of Russians in the context of other countries. Fertility in post-Soviet countries (clustering and analysis). Matrimonial behaviour of Russians in the context of other countries. Population policies as the answers to challenges.What is and used to be a Russian family (Soviet family). Transitions and evolutions of Russian family. Family values within Post-Soviet space (words and deeds)

**Topic 3**

Russian and Soviet life-style and mortality in Russia. Mortality in post-Soviet countries (clustering and analysis). Are the demographic and epidemiological transitions in the former Soviet-Union completed? The role of healthcare policy and social factors in the Soviet and Russian mortality model. Comparative analysis of the behavior, healthcare and other factors in Russia and other developed countries. The projections and forecasts.

**Topic 4**

Migration in Russia in the context of other countries. Russia as the main migration centre of the former USSR: past and current dituation. The recent trends and the changing migration flows: causes and prospectives. The role of migration in the discourse of the Russian public policy. Russian society and migrants: different approaches and points of view.

**4. Readings:**

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**5. Examples of Academic control forms:** Test (multiple choice and open questions)

1.1. How could you characterize the fertility trend of Russia. What are the reasons for fluctuations?

1.2. What are the main characteristics of the labour migration in Russia?

2.1. Current fertility in Russia (measured by TFR) is

1. On the same level as in Eastern Asia

2. On the same level as in Southern Europe

3. Higher than in Eastern Asia and Europe, but lower than in leaders like Scandinavia, France and USA

4. In top-3 of the developed countries

2.2. Current mortality in Russia (measured by life expectancy) is

1. Highest among all Post-Soviet countries

2. Lowest among all Post-Soviet countries

3. A bit higher than in some Central Asian countries with the reliable statistics, but lower or equal to the other Post-Soviet

4. At the same level as in Baltic (Northern Europe Post-Soviet) ones

2.3. The population density in Russia is

1. Less than 10 p/sq. km

2. About 100 p/sq. km

3. More than 150 p/sq. km

4. About 80 p/sq. km