PEOPLES OF THE BALTIC

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(7.5 credits)

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Lecture Schedule:

1. Introduction to the Baltic Sea Region (BSR)
   Film: Seda: People of the Marsh
   Thu 6 Sep 13:00–15:00

2. Identities in the BSR
   Thu 13 Sep 13:00–15:00

3. Social and Political Processes in Context
   Thu 20 Sep 13:00–15:00

4. The BSR and the Wider World
   Thu 27 Sep 13:00–15:00

5. Seminar I (Student presentations)
   Thu 11 Oct 13:00–16:00 (NB!)

6. Seminar II (Student presentations)
   Thu 18 Oct 13:00–16:00 (NB!)

Assigned Readings

The primary textbook for the course is

- Witold Maciejewski (ed). The Baltic Sea Region: Cultures, Politics, Societies.
  Uppsala, 2002.
This book is available in the Karin Boye Library, or may be purchased from the course instructor for SEK 375. An updated online edition of the textbook is in preparation; when ready it will be available via: http://www.balticuniv.uu.se/index.php/textbooks-a-booklets

Additional readings are assigned from scholarly journals available online via computers attached to the Uppsala University network. The necessary internet links are provided below. For the possibility of remote access and download to your own personal computer, please refer to the following UU web pages:

- http://uadm.uu.se/iti/student/UpUnet-S/Introduction?languageId=1 (General information in English about UpUnet-S)
- http://uadm.uu.se/iti/helpdesk/guider/proxy (Configuring your web browser to use the UU proxy server; in Swedish)

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| 1 (6 Sep) | Background:  
| | Maciejewski, pp. 7–41, 134–51.  
| | Basis for discussion:  
| | Frank Eckardt, “In Search for Meaning: Berlin as National Capital and Global City”, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies* 13:2 (2005), pp. 189–201. [http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14782800500212426](http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14782800500212426)  
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- Thomas Bredgaard, Flemming Larsen & Per Kongshøj Madsen, “Opportunities and Challenges for Flexicurity: The Danish Example”, *Transfer: European Review of Labour and Research* 12:1 (2006), pp. 61–82. [http://trs.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/12/1/61](http://trs.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/12/1/61)

4 (27 Sep)

Background:

Basis for discussion:

5 (11 Oct)

Basis for discussion:
- Papers of fellow students.

6 (18 Oct)

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- Papers of fellow students

Suggested further reading:

Examination and Grading:

Students are expected to attend all lecture classes, and actively participate in discussions based on the material they have read. An element of the classroom discussion will involve keeping abreast of current events in the region.

Examination for the course will take the form of a written paper of ca. 12–15 pages (12 pt, double spaced), to be submitted electronically to the Urkund system by 4 October at 18:00. These will then be distributed via e-mail to the rest of the students in the class. In the final two classes of the course, each student will be requested to present a brief oral summary of their paper and lead a seminar-style colloquium discussion.
Based on the examination paper and the classroom participation in discussions, the students will be given a final grade of **underkänd** (not pass), **godkänd** (pass), or **väl godkänd** (pass with distinction).

**Seminar papers:**

Students are to write the seminar papers on a topic of their choice relating to the Baltic Sea Region. Students should consult the course instructor as soon as possible with their ideas regarding the feasibility of their chosen topic.

**Plagiarism is considered a major transgression by Uppsala University.** You are to submit your paper electronically by sending it as an attachment to the following special-purpose e-mail address by the deadline stated above:

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matthew.kott.uu [at] analys.urkund.se
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Sending your paper to the Urkund system will analyse it for suspected incidents of plagiarism. Your text will then be compared against sources on the Internet, as well as Urkund’s own database of previously-submitted papers and essays.

**Please note that sending your paper to the instructor’s regular e-mail address does not constitute final submission.** Only those papers submitted via the Urkund system will be considered for examination.

**As the language of instruction for the course is English, students taking the course are expected to be able to submit their written papers in English as well.** This is to facilitate the aforementioned seminar discussions, which constitute part of the final examination. Should a student wish to submit their paper written in Swedish (an option guaranteed by law and the University’s guidelines), the student must inform the teacher of their intentions as soon as possible following the start of the course. This is because an alternative form of examination will need to be arranged, due to the fact that not all students taking the course can be assumed to read Swedish.

26 June 2012