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Invisible University for Ukraine

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Semi-periphery and Borderlands in the European Integration:
Rethinking Balkans for Ukraine

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The southeastern peninsula of the European continent, more commonly known under the loaded term Balkans, is a region of astonishing ethnic, linguistic and religious diversity, where some of the greatest empires and political blocs have bordered each other. The first module of this course will focus on the post-Cold War period of the Balkan countries with a special focus on the breakup of Yugoslavia and its consequences, on the one hand, and on the Balkan countries such as Bulgaria, Romania and Albania that belonged to the Eastern Bloc and their practices of overcoming their totalitarian past, on the other. The second module will be dedicated to the development of the Balkan states and their path towards EU integration. The canvas of the course will offer reflections and thoughts relevant for Ukraine's public memoryscape, future post-war development and EU integration.

Format

The course would combine theoretical approaches with practical insights, resting on lectures, discussions, workshops, individual assignments and mentoring of students of social sciences and humanities from Ukraine and the region of Southeastern Europe, in complementarity with their original studies. The course consists of 12 lectures and mentoring sessions. The lectures will be supplemented by 6 mentoring sessions on the Disintegration of Yugoslavia and post-Yugoslav Wars, each starting with watching one episode of the BBC praised documentary [The Death of Yugoslavia](#), followed by in-group discussions with designated mentors and ending with a general discussion moderated by Vladimir Petrović (CEU/ NIOD Amsterdam).