

DOCTORAL SUBJECT SUB-UNIT

Subject name	Field of study (branch) code	Faculty	Department
Non-democratic political regimes and economies in the 20th century	History and Archaeology H 005	Lithuanian Institute of History	
Mode of study	Number of credits ECTS	Mode of study	Number of credits ECTS
lectures		consultations	2
individual	3	seminars	2.5

Total 7,5

Subject annotation
<p>Despite optimistic expectations the development of democracy has not been universally embraced. The contrast between the two different political regimes - democratic and authoritarian (or totalitarian) - is becoming increasingly obvious. Non-democratic political regimes exist on almost every continent in the world, with the exception of Australia. The subject examines the relationship between political systems and development of the economy, the problem of whether autocratic and totalitarian systems can really be economically efficient, what are their strengths and what are their weaknesses? Political history is viewed through the prism of economic development, revealing not only the impact of political decisions on economic development, but also the impact of the economic situation on the behaviour of the political regime, the intensity and level of its repression and discrimination. The mechanisms of political and economic decision-making, social and economic control, are also important. The main theoretical approaches are based on the political economy of authoritarianism, game theory, rational choice, path-dependency, social networks and empires (post-colonialism). Considerable attention is paid to the development of the Soviet political system in the post-Stalinist period, the impact of centre-periphery relations on the development of the Soviet economy, and the Soviet regime's control of society through economic levers.</p>
Key literature
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Aivars Stranga, Kārļa Ulmaņa autoritārā režīma saimnieciskā politika 1934-1940, Latvijas Universitāte, 2020.
 Gediminas Vaskela, Lietuva 1939-1940 metais : kursas į valstybės reguliuojamą ekonomiką, LII leidykla, 2002.
 Ronald Wintrobe, The Political Economy of Dictatorship, Cambridge University Press, 2012

Supervising lecturers' names and surnames	Academic degree	Major works in the field (branch) published in the recent 5 years
Saulius Grybkauskas	PhD	<p>Saulius Grybkauskas, Governing the Soviet Unions's National Republics. The Second Secretaries of the Communist Party, Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2021</p> <p>S. Grybkauskas, M. Tamošaitis, <i>Žmogus, jungęs epochas. Algirdo Brazausko politinė biografija</i>, Mokslo ir enciklopedijų leidybos centras, 2019</p> <p>Li Bennich – Bjorkman, Saulius Grybkauskas, Moscow and Non – Russian Republics in the Soviet Union. Nomenklatura, Intelligentsia, and Centre-Periphery Relations, London and New York: Routledge, 2022</p> <p>Saulius Grybkauskas, Rūta Grišinaite, Inžinieriai pagal planą. Techninis mokymas ir specialistų rengimas Lietuvoje 1944-1990 metais, Vilnius: Lietuvos istorijos institutas, 2019.</p> <p>Saulius Grybkauskas, Economic Strategies and Immigration in the Soviet Union's Western Borderlands: Lithuania, Latvia and Belorussia in the 1950s and 1960s, Europe-Asia studies, 2022 Vol. 74, No. 3, p. 481-498</p> <p>Saulius Grybkauskas, The Lats Generation of Engineers in Soviet Lithuania, Laima Zilinskiene, Melanie Ilic, Soviet and Post-Soviet Lithuania – Generational Experiences, Routledge, 2021, pp. 49-63</p> <p>Saulius Grybkauskas, Sowjetlitauen, in: Karsten Bruggemann, Ralph Tuchenhausen, Anja Wilhelmi (eds.) , Das Baltikum. Geschichte Einer Europaischen Region. Band 3. Die Staaten Estland, Lettland und Litauen, Hiersemann Verlag, 2020, s.s. 421-465</p>

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