

Title of Course Unit	The Cult of Personality: Josip Stalin and the “little Stalins” in Eastern Europe (1927-1956)
Code	NBB_TR199K3
Department	Institute of History
Semester	Upon request either fall or spring semester
Contact Hours Weekly/Total	2+2 (seminar+lecture)/60
Prerequisites	Good command of English
ECTS Credits	4
Language	English
Mandatory/Elective	Elective
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Course Description	The subject offers a survey of both the Stalinist regime in the Soviet Union and the communist dictators in Eastern Europe. Within the framework of the course students will be able to get acquainted not even a general knowledge about Stalinism but a vertical analysis of the communist totalitarian state and the effects of cult of personality to the society. This will go through at least two levels: the level of politics, regarding various forms of concrete social, political and economic orders of the authority; the level of symbolism, considering the mindset of the politicized, de-sacralised and terrorized people of the Stalinist regime. This will be put in comparative perspective, so as to be able to deal with the different aspects of Stalinism in the soviet-oriented region.
Readings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gilbert, Felix – Large, David Clay: <i>The End of the European Era. 1890 to the Present</i>, Norton Publications, 2002. 2. Kissinger, Henry: <i>Diplomacy</i>, Simon & Schuster, 1995. 3. Bullock, Allen: <i>Hitler and Stalin: Parallel Lives</i>, Vintage Books, 1993. 4. Marrin, Albert: <i>Stalin: Russia's Man of Steel</i>, Beautiful Feet Books, 2002. 5. Service, Robert: <i>Stalin: A Biography</i>, Belknap Press, 2006.
Assessment	Written tests, oral presentations, participation and co-operation in class activities.