

Economics 508 Comparative Economic Systems Winter 2008 T R 3:30-5:18pm MP 2017	Prof Belton M. Fleisher Office Arps 413	Hours M 4-5 W 4:00-5:30	Phone 292 6429
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Text Books:

- F. A. Hayek. *The Road to Serfdom* (U. Chicago Press, any edition)
- Gaidar, Yegor. *Collapse of an Empire: Lessons for Modern Russia* (Brookings Press)
- Course Packet (available at UniPrint)

Carmen:

The syllabus, assignments, and other course information are accessible via Carmen

Important: I expect to communicate with the class and individual class members frequently by email. I will use only your official OSU email address. If you have email forwarded to another account, especially to a Yahoo account, it may (probably will) not get to you, because of antispam screening. I will not be responsible for your not getting communications in any other way except in class or through your OSU email account.

Lectures/Assignments

You are responsible for everything in the assigned readings, whether or not covered in the lectures

Jan 3	Introductory remarks; selection of presentation times, meetings No assigned reading
Jan 8	Video: Commanding Heights 1 (The Battle of Ideas) Course Packet: Popper (Ch. 4) Homework questions on Carmen)
Jan 10	Discussion of Popper, Hayek; Lecture on methods of research for final presentation Hayek: Introduction by Friedman & Introduction by Hayek (pp 3-27)
Jan 15	Video: Commanding Heights 2 (The Agony of Reform) Course Packet: Hayek chapter; Hayek: Ch. 5
Jan 17	Discussion of Hayek Hayek: Ch. 6, 13
Jan 22	Video: Commanding Heights 3 (The New Rules of the Game) Gaidar: Introduction (ix-xviii) & The Yugoslav Tragedy (Ch. 1, pp 19-25)
Jan 24	Video: Behind Kremlin Walls Gaidar: Ch. 3 (pp 39-70); Recommended (<i>not required</i>) – Gaidar: Ch. 1, 2
Jan 29	Lecture on Marx, socialism in theory, communism and socialism in practice Gaidar: Ch. 4 (pp 71-114)
Jan 31	Video: China 2 (The Mao Years) Gaidar: Ch. 5 (pp 115-161)
Feb 5	Discussion of China, Gaidar Gaidar: Ch. 6 (pp 162-200)
Feb 7	Video: China 3 (Deng and post-Deng era) Gaidar: Ch. 7 (pp 201-219)
Feb 12	Discussion of China, Gaidar Gaidar: Ch. 8 (pp 220-249)
Feb 14	Video: Tycoon – A New Russian Gaidar: Afterword (pp 250-256); Course Packet: Klebnikov Introduction
Feb 19	Discussion of Gaidar Course Packet: Arrow (Ch. 6) & Polterovich (Ch. 7)
Feb 21	Discussion of Gaidar, Russian Transition Course Packet: Belousov, Taylor (Ch. 13) & Glinkina, et.al. (Ch. 15)
Feb 26	Discussion of course materials, final presentations Course Packet: Grinberg (Ch. 20) & Martinot, Usiyevich (Ch. 23) & Intrilligator, et.al. (Ch. 26)
Feb 28	Final paper presentations 1-8 No assigned reading
Mar 4	Final paper presentations 9-16 No assigned reading
Mar 6	Final paper presentations 17-25 No assigned reading
Mar 12	FINAL EXAMINATION in MP 2017 Wednesday, 3:30-5:18 http://www.ureg.ohio-state.edu/ourweb/scheduling/SchedulingContent/FinalsWI08.html
FINAL EXAM COVERS ENTIRE COURSE INCLUDING READINGS, ANYTHING COVERED IN LECTURES, AND ANYTHING PRESENTED IN TERM PAPERS.	

Please note:

Discussion topics are subject to change.

All homework is due via Carmen by 12:00 (noon) of each day that an assigned reading is due as indicated above. For example, the first homework, on Popper (Ch. 4), is due by noon on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Grading

Grading is based on your total course score (TCS).

40 % - Final Paper & Presentation

- 20 points for the written portion
 - 20 points for the presentation-
- 1 point will be subtracted from your TCS for each class you do not attend above 2 missed classes. No excuses for missed classes will be accepted unless you have a physician-documented illness-
- 2 points will be subtracted from your TCS for each class you do not attend during which others are presenting their final papers

30 % - Final Exam

- Wednesday, March 12 (3:30-5:18) in MP 2017

30 % - Homework

- There will be 15 homework assignments. Each assignment will be worth a maximum of 2 points. Grading will be based on content as well as grammar. Answers to each question should be between 150 and 250 words.

Please note:

Failure to cite others' work according to the guidelines distributed in class will result in a 0 for the paper, report to the Committee on Academic Misconduct, and probably an E in the course.

All submissions will be run through the "Turnitin" software to check for gross similarities among assignments.

Your final paper is due when you begin your presentation. Papers will receive a 10 point deduction for each day they are turned in late.

Academic Misconduct

The Ohio State University's *Code of Student Conduct* (Section 3335-23-04) defines academic misconduct as: "Any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the University, or subvert the educational process." Examples of academic misconduct include (but are not limited to) plagiarism, collusion (unauthorized collaboration), copying the work of another student, and possession of unauthorized materials during an examination. Ignorance of the University's *Code of Student Conduct* is never considered an "excuse" for academic misconduct, so I recommend that you review the Code of Student Conduct and, specifically, the sections dealing with academic misconduct.

If I suspect that a student has committed academic misconduct in this course, I am obligated by University Rules to report my suspicions to the Committee on Academic Misconduct. If COAM determines that you have violated the University's *Code of Student Conduct* (i.e., committed academic misconduct), the sanctions for the misconduct could include a failing grade in this course and suspension or dismissal from the University. If you have any questions about the above policy or what constitutes academic misconduct in this course, please contact me.

Other sources of information on academic misconduct (integrity) to which you can refer include: The Committee on Academic Misconduct web pages oaa.osu.edu/coam/home.html.

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Students who plan to take examinations at the Office of Disability Services should provide Professor Fleisher (not a TA) with the ODS forms as soon as possible. Students should fill in the following information:

- SECTION A. SECTION B, INCLUDING Professor Fleisher's name from the syllabus, Campus Address ARPS 410; Email and phone from syllabus; Departmental Phone number 2-6429
- the dates and times of midterm examinations from syllabus (no quizzes to enter);
- your time choices for Final Exams must be on or before time of regular final. Format of exams is Essay.
- Professor Fleisher will complete other items.

Exams are to be picked up by the student in Arps 410 and returned by the student (or ODS representative) to Arps 410.