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Good afternoon,

On Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, the Themes 2 Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a new GEN Theme: Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World proposal for Russian 3480.01 & 3480.99.

The Subcommittee has voted to not approve Russian 3480.01 & 3480.99 for inclusion within the GEN Theme: Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World. Please see below for their feedback:

- The reviewing faculty of the Theme Advisory Group thank the course proposer for providing a revision for this proposal. However, they are still unable to identify how this course will address the diversity and justice portion of the Theme and are not persuaded that utilizing the lens of the spy lends itself to sustained discussions of citizenship, diversity, and justice. Therefore, they have decided to vote no to this request and ask that the course request be cancelled in curriculum.osu.edu. Again, they thank the course proposer for their time and effort in submitting to the GEN Theme: Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World.
- The reviewing faculty of the Themes Subcommittee acknowledge the feedback from their colleagues on the Theme Advisory Group, especially as it relates to the diversity and justice aspect of the course being absent. They would like to offer the friendly suggestion that while the proposal appears inappropriate for the GEN Theme: Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World, they believe that the proposal could fit within a different Theme of the new General Education program. Of course, the courses would need to be retooled to fit within the specific Theme's Goals and ELOs, but they would like to clarify that they are open to this course fitting within the General Education program. They simply are not a proper fit for the Citizenship Theme.

I will return both Russian 3480.01 and 3480.99 to the departmental queue via curriculum.osu.edu to allow you to cancel the request.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ila Nagar, faculty Chair of the Themes 2 Subcommittee, Birgitte Sølund, faculty Chair of the Theme Advisory Group: Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World, or me.

All my best,  
Michael



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