History of Eastern Europe, Part 1 of 2

9:30 to 11:25 Tuesdays,
First Congregational Church UCC, 111 Church Street and Capital Drive, Hartland
12 Lectures — 30 Minutes each

February 14:
1. The other Europe — Deep roots of diversity
2. Formative — Migrations: Mongols to Germans

Supplemental Materials:
history of the Germans: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FNDInaidRdM

February 21
3. Clashing Golden Ages, 1389-1772
4. The Great Crime of Empires; Poland Divided

Supplemental Materials:
Review of Poland’s Partitions: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHI-MBys2_E
The Story of Casimir Polaski https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LvqONzCZ-nU
Memorializing Kosciuszko https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LY7rSBGCxA8
Our Lady of Czestochowa — https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uVfN8B5KK1A
US Role in Maintaining stability in the region in 2017:
Stars and Stripes: US brigade in Poland 'ready to fight' but comes to 'deter'

February 28
5. The Origins of Nationalism, 1815-1863
6. The Age of Empires, 1863-1914

March 7
7. Jewish Life in the Shtetl
8. World War I, Destruction and Rebirth
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuJH0INvMs
http://www.worldwar1.com/dbc/p_bears.htm
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/85th_Infantry_Division_(United_States)#/media/File:85th_Division_SSI.svg

March 14
9. From Democrats to Dictators, 1918-1939
10. Caught between Hitler and Stalin
No class on March 21
10th Combat Aviation Brigade assumes Atlantic Resolve mission in Europe
https://www.army.mil/article/184456/10th_combat_aviation_brigade_assumes_atlantic_resolve_mission_in_europe

10th Combat Aviation Brigade Soldiers display skills in Latvia
https://www.army.mil/article/183937/10th_combat_aviation_brigade_soldiers_display_skills_in_latvia

March 28
11. World War II: The Unfamiliar Eastern Front
12. The Holocaust and Nazi Racial Empire
Auschwitz: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9IezXBcNdJY#t=501.492979

Second one: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smWglvXZSm8#t=261.946153

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April 18
13. Postwar Flight and Expulsion

April 25
15. Forest Brothers: Baltic Partisan Warfare
16. Life in Totalitarian Captivity 1953-1980

May 2
17. Power of the Powerless: Revolts and Unrest
18. Solidarity in Poland/Wałęsa’s Union

May 9
19. Toppling Idols: The Communist Collapse
20. The Turn: The Post-Soviet 1990s

May 16
21. Yugoslav Wars: Milošević and Balkan Strife
22. The New Europe: Joining NATO and the EU
NATO: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NATO

May 23
23. The unfolding Ukraine-Russia Crisis

24. Eastern Europe at the Crossroads

missile defense
http://fortune.com/2015/07/02/europe-american-missile-defense/

Huffington Post, April 4, 2017
This is how the next World War starts http://highline.huffingtonpost.com/articles/en/trump-russia-putin-military-crisis/

Update May 25, 2017

Nato hit by Turkish veto on Austria partnership http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-40013507

Follow NATO’s Daily News at: http://www.nato.int/

and other military websites: http://www.inherentresolve.mil/
Eastern Europe has long been thought of as the “Other Europe,” a marginalized region rife with political upheaval, shifting national borders, an astonishing variety of ethnic diversity, and relative isolation from the centers of power in the West. Yet in recent years, Eastern European nations have begun integrating with Western Europe—joining NATO and the European Union—as the region has gained a new measure of self-determination in the wake of communist collapse.

Nonetheless, Eastern Europe still maintains an aura of “otherness” and mystery, due to its relatively tumultuous timeline and complex cultural tapestry. Indeed, history haunts this region, so to truly understand Eastern Europe today, it is necessary to examine its past in the broader context of world history, asking such questions as:
- Who are the diverse ethnic groups that make up the region, and how have they cooperated and clashed?
- How and why have national borders shifted so frequently?
- What is the region’s relationship to Western Europe?
- How has the region been isolated from—and connected with—the West?

You’ll find the answers to these questions and more in A History of Eastern Europe. Taught by Professor Vejas Gabriel Liulevicius, an award-winning professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, these 24 insightful lectures offer a sweeping 1,000-year history of Eastern Europe with a particular focus on the region’s modern history. You’ll observe waves of migration and invasion, watch empires rise and fall, witness wars and their deadly consequences—and come away with a comprehensive knowledge of one of the world’s most fascinating places.
Vejas Gabriel Liulevicius Ph.D.

Professor Vejas Gabriel Liulevicius was born in Chicago, Illinois. He grew up on Chicago’s South Side in a Lithuanian American neighborhood and spent time attending school in Aarhus, Denmark and Bonn, Germany. He received his B.A. from the University of Chicago. In 1989, he spent the summer in Moscow and Leningrad (today St Petersburg) in an intensive Russian-language study program. His dissertation research was funded by a German Academic Exchange Service fellowship and took his to Freiburg in Germany’ Black Forest region and to Vilnius, Lithuania. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1994.

Professor Emeritus Donald Rambadt was born in School Hill, Wisconsin. He grew up and attended elementary and secondary school in Manitowoc Country, Wisconsin. He received a B.S. degree with a major in Elementary Education with minors in Art and Military Science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM). His M.S. was in Secondary Education with a minor in Geography again from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. His doctorate from Marquette University is the Educational Curriculum and Instruction with emphasis and dissertation in Geography.

Upon graduation from UWM in 1957 he received a commission in the United State Army Corps of Engineers. His early military education included graduation from the US Army Engineer Officer’s Basic and Advanced Courses, Mountain Operations Course, Fixed Wing Aviation and Instruction Schools and Helicopter Transition School. Senior military schooling includes graduating from US Army Command and General Staff Officer’s Course, The Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Air War College, and the Army War College. European military experience was as a border control pilot from 1959 -1962 during the erection of the Berlin Wall and as the exercise commander of the Return of Forces in Germany training in 1985.

Doctor Rambadt’s teaching experience in Eastern Europe includes teaching Geographical aspects In International Business for Concordia International University in Tallinn, Estonia in 1994. Travel Study courses for the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in every country of the European Union as well as two visits to Russia.