Course objectives:
The aim of the course is to familiarize the students with economic problems of transformation from planned to market economy. The post-communist transformation is analyzed in a broader context of the on-going process of globalization, and the course combines a comparative, historical and an interdisciplinary theoretical, borrowing from economics, political science and sociology. The course format is lectures, but students are strongly encouraged to participate actively through questions and comments.

Course outline:
1. Introduction: Concepts and Perspectives.
6. Thinking about Transition when it Begun.
7. Macroeconomic Adjustment.
10. Challenges to the State (collapse, corruption, and rebuilding).
12. Reforming the Social Sector: Pensions.

Required readings:

More detailed literature shall be given when the class starts.

Assessment:
Class attendance and either a take-home exam or writing a 3,000 words essay (each student may choose whichever they prefer).