

Doctoral examination - Core readings

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Jenő Szűcs, “Three historical regions of Europe”, in John Keane, ed., *Civil society and the state*, New York and London: Verso, 1988, 291-332.

Stefan Troebst, “Historical meso-region: A concept in cultural studies and historiography”, 2012-03-06 <http://ieg-ego.eu/en/threads/crossroads/the-historical-region>

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Rogers Brubaker, “National minorities, nationalizing states, and external national homelands in the New Europe”, in Rogers Brubaker, *Nationalism reframed: Nationhood and the national question in the New Europe*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996, 55–76.

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Steven Pinker, *The better angels of our nature*, London: Penguin, 2012, 10-15, 56-110, 234-296, 509-528.*

Sinisa Malesevic, “Forms of brutality: Towards a historical sociology of violence”, *European Journal of Social Theory*, vol. 16 (2013), no. 3, 273–291.*

Paul Bartrop, “The Relationship between war and genocide in the twentieth century: A consideration”, *Journal of Genocide Research*, vol. 4 (2002), no. 4, 519–532.*

10 International conflicts in the 20th century

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11 Transformations of political regimes

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Philippe Schmitter, “Still the century of corporatism”, *The Review of Politics*, vol. 36 (1974), no. 1, 85–128.*

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