

Course Title: Evolution of Literature: Diachrony of Forms and Genres. Writing in Exile I

Course Code: MCRU0812

Type of course: compulsory

Level of course: MA

Year of study: 1st

Semester: 1st

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 7

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Course objective: The literature of the Russian exile evolved in parallel and differently from the literature produced in the homeland. A new hierarchy of Russian literature has to be considered, as the number of exiled Russian writers is comparable with the number of writers who remained in their homeland, the so called inner exile. This course introduces the students to the values of Russian literature written outside the country, to discuss the main topics of their books, and to interpret on various levels key texts written in exile.

Course contents: Banishment – deportation - exile. Linguistic perspective; the issue of space and longing for freedom; the condition of an exiled; Waves of Russian immigration; The Schism within the Russian Orthodox Church; Political immigrants in the 19th century; the voluntary exile; Nina Berberova's beliefs; Being contemporary with the century: Irina Odoevtseva; Averchenko's visions of Russians in Europe; The circle closed by suicide: Marina Tsvetaeva; A troubadour of the slowly disappearing century: Aleksandr Kuprin; The magic attraction of Paris; Collonization of uninhabited areas

Recommended reading: Andrei Makine; Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (*Arhipelagul Gulag*, I-III, București, 2008), Vladimir Nabokov, *Vorbește, memorie. O autobiografie rescrisă*, București, 1994); Leonid Tîpkin, *O vară la Baden-Baden*, București, 2007; F.M. Dostoievski, *Jurnalul de scriitor*, I-III, Iași, 2008; Nadejda Mandelștam, *Fără speranță*, Polirom, Iași, 2003; Nadejda Mandelștam, *Speranță abandonată*, Polirom, Iași, 2005; D.S. Merejkovski, *Rusia bolnavă*, Iași, 1996; D.S. Merejkovski, *Gogol și diavolul*, Iași, 1996; Nikolai Berdiaev, *Sensul creației*, București, 1992

Teaching methods: lectures, interactive approaches

Assessment methods: (a) intermediate test (written); (b) final test (written)

Language of instruction: Romanian and Russian