

I am submitting my feedback regarding the course of CDI of area studies.

1. Did the course change your understanding of area studies or did it just confirm your already existing idea?

The course has not changed my overall understanding of the area studies, it did however show me a broad array of perspectives that global and regional events and processes can be studied from.

2. Which area/topic was the most interesting for you and in which way eventually would you like this topic to be expanded?

I enjoyed the topics related to colonialism and its outcomes and consequences visible in the modern world. I would like to learn more as the subject is unlimited in its depth. Perhaps a whole course could be dedicated to the study of particular countries and their present and future in relation to their colonialist past.

3. The basic idea of the course was to demonstrate that area studies are able to encompass the great diversity of approaches, from IR to cultural studies. Were we successful in defending the idea? Or was it apparent that there are really distinct approaches and sources that, at the end of the day, are used in the same manner?

Most definitely what the course has shown me was the scope of perspectives any given event or political process can be studied from. What struck me most was the moment of discussion regarding the ongoing war in Ukraine. My perspective as a pole, and someone who has been to Ukraine numerous times and feels connected to its history and lives less than 100 miles from its borders, is inherently biased. To hear a professor offer a more nuanced and objective perception shocked me initially, but after a while I have grown to see it as a valuable experience.

Regards,

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