## Sociology 455: Post-Socialist Societies¹ Fall 2023

Class Location. LEA 808 Class Meeting Time: Tuesdays 9:35-11:25 a.m. Professor: Elaine Weiner Note: If you have a disability and require any special accommodations, please let me know.

In accord with McGill University's Charter of Students' Rights, students in this course have the right to submit in English or in French any written work that is to be graded.

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<u>Late Submission</u> Policy For each day that an assignment is late, the grade will be lowered by half a grade (e.g., if the initial grade is a B- and you submit the assignme

I also expect you to do a bit of additional research in order to answer this question as there are certainly a number of other scholars who have weighed in on this question (i.e., incorporate at least additional two scholarly works).

Due Tuesday, December 12, by midnight ((submit via via myCourses 'Assignments' link).

## FORMATTING GUIDELINES (FOR RESPONSE PAPERS):

- -11-12 point font
- -double-spaced
- -1-inch margins
- -citations required (APA or ASA style)

## <u>"Taking Stock</u> of Shock"

Mitchell Orenstein and Kristen Ghodsee's 2021 book, *Taking Stock of Shock: Social Consequences of the 1989 Revolutions* (New York: Oxford University Press) considers, from various perspectives, how the demise of Community party rule in Eastern Europe can be variably understood as a success and/or failure. You will be divided into four groups. Each group will be responsible for 'teaching' the content of one of the book's four parts to the class, during weeks 11 and 12. Each group will have 30 minutes of teaching time and 10 minutes for Q & A. (Note: you may also find this presentation by the authors given at the University of Cologne in December 2021 interesting

Week 3: September 19 POLITICAL ECONOMY OF SOCIALISM (continued)



1998. "Episode 23 and 24: The Wall Comes Down" and "Conclusions" CNN Cold War Series ~ 45 minutes each (on

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