Economics of Transition, Ural State University, Department of Economics
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Class time: Mon, 14.00-17.00, room 214
Wed, 14.30-16.00, room TBA

Office Hours: Chair 212, by appointment (send me an e-mail)

Language of Instruction: English

Prerequisites: Intermediate Microeconomics, Basic Econometrics

Course description: The course covers theoretical and empirical studies focused on the economics of transition from planned to market economy. The aim of the course is to introduce the seminal theoretical research in the economics of transition and review the current state of theory and empirical work. Lectures will be accompanied with practical exercise sessions to assure the understanding of theoretical concepts and provide the guidance for using these concepts in applied research.

Grading: The grade for the course will be based on midterm exam (30%), non-cumulative final exam (40%), two homework assignments (15% each). Final grades for the course are relative: a student’s grade is based on the comparison of his performance with the performance of other students.

- Midterm and final are written closed book, closed notes exams. Violation of academic honesty during exams (including the use of unauthorized materials, receiving and/or providing unauthorized help from/to other students) would result in a failing grade for the exam.
- Homework assignments will contain empirical and theoretical parts and should give an approximate vision of how the Midterm and Final will look like. All home assignments must be submitted. You can work at home assignments alone or in a group up to three people, but everyone has to submit his own solution. Please write the names of the members of your group at the homework. No late submissions will be accepted.

Course Outline and Readings


• CLASS 4 (EXERCISE SESSION). Solving Problems


• CLASS 6 (MIDTERM AND HOMEWORK 1 DEADLINE)

• CLASS 7 (LECTURE). Price Liberalization and the Output Fall. Partial and full liberalization. Dual-track price liberalization. Explanations for the output fall.


• CLASS 9 (EXERCISE SESSION). Solving Problems


**Additional literature:**
