COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In Armenia transition is generally presented in the frame of reforms of political and economic institutions. The processes, which pass in everyday life has not been spoken about for years. This has affected one-dimensional perception of transition.

The course “Transition and Everyday life” refers to the aspects of transition, which concern everyday life and human relations. The post-Soviet transformations manifested in the viewpoints, approaches, cultural habitus, dispositions, interactions, forms of organization, use of time and space, etc. will receive special consideration. The discourses reflecting transitional processes on the one hand and everyday life on the other hand will be discussed as well. The linkage between postcolonial discourse in everyday life and the influence of transition processes will receive special importance.

During the presented course the discussion of transition will be done in the enlarged context. The question of both economical and human development, particularly of human opportunities’ and freedoms’ enlargement will be discussed. Transformation of cultural and social capitals, formation of new social groups and subcultures and their influence on the transition processes will be explored.

The course consists of two parts:

1. Transition and the peculiarities of the post-Soviet period
2. Everyday life in transition and transitions in everyday life

The course is based partly on the literature and partly on the field research.

CONTENT:

_Week 1_. Introduction. Transition and everyday life as a field of inquiry.

**Part 1. Transition and peculiarities of the post-Soviet period**

_Week 2. Conceptual approaches of transition: transition as a multi-dimensional process_  
Bonnell V. 1996. (ed.) Identities in Transition: Eastern Europe and Russia after the collapse of communism. University of California: Berkeley, pp. 1-29,


Week 3. Transition and development: economic development and human development concepts

Week 4. Discussion on the theme: Transition, values and developments in post Soviet Armenia

Week 5. Socio-cultural characteristics and main trends of transition in Post-Socialist space: Formation of new forms of cultural and social capitals in post Soviet space.

Week 6. Transition and modernization: modernization and postmodernization discourses in the post-Soviet space

Week 7. Discussion on the theme: the specifics of socio-cultural aspects of transitional period of Armenia

Part 2. Everyday life in transition and transitions in everyday life
Week 8. Everyday life: framework, subjects and field of inquiry
Goffman E. The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life (entire)


**Week 9. Everyday life and the habitus**


**Week 10. Everyday life and cultural capital**


**Week 11. Tastes and life styles in everyday life**


**Week 12. Discussion on the theme: Traditional, conservative and modern views in everyday life: problems and trends**


**Week 13. Strategies and tactics of everyday life**


**Week 14. Everyday life and time**
Zarubavel E. Hidden Rhythms: Schedules and calendars in Social Life (Introduction)

Week 15. Everyday life and space

Week 16. Discussion on the theme: Post soviet Transformations. New social groups and transformations of life style: Case study of youth social movement in Yerevan “We are the owners of the city