CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Please answer one question from Part I and one question from Part II. You are allowed a total of four hours to complete this exam (two hours per question). You are on your honor not to consult any materials, including notes or papers or anything stored in your computer. You are also on your honor not to discuss the exam or its content with any faculty or student until the exam period is over.

Part I

1. Discuss the Ottoman conquest of the Balkans and its consequences, 15th-18th centuries.

2. Describe and analyze the relationship between the European Core and Peripheries in the rising of the Modern World System, 16th-18th centuries.

3. What was the “second serfdom” and its impact on the Central and Eastern European peasantry?

4. Discuss the rise of the Habsburg Empire and its consequences for the incorporated states, 16th-18th centuries.

Part II

1. Describe the main factors and forces for the rise of the independent Balkan states in the 19th century.

2. What were the causes and consequences of the dissolution of Austria-Hungary?

3. Analyze the special characteristics of Central and Eastern European nationalism in the 19th and 20th centuries.

4. Discuss the introduction and main characteristics of state socialist regimes in Central and Eastern Europe; their achievements and terminal failure.