

LIST OF COURSES ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024



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University of Hradec Králové
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FAQ

How do I sign in?

The students are nominated by their home universities. Once the nomination is accepted, the student will receive an invitation to our online system for students, called [IS STAG](#)

How are the online courses being taught?

The course might be either asynchronous or synchronous. While synchronous courses are direct online lessons with the teacher, during asynchronous courses the students are learning from materials that were prepared in advance, such as academic texts or pre-recorded video lessons.

Some courses might be taught in a hybrid form – in person with online broadcasting or partially in-person and partially online.

The form of each subject will be announced at the beginning of the winter term 2023/2024.

What grading system does UHK use?

Our grading system is related to the ECTS credit system. To put it shortly - students can receive grades from A to F with A being the highest score and F being the lowest. In order to pass the student must receive a grade from A to E.

Grade	Definiton
A	Outstanding performance without errors
B	Above the average standard but with minor errors
C	Generally sound work with some errors
D	Fair but with significant shortcomings
E	Performance meets the minimum criteria
F	Fail – considerable further work is required

What are ECTS credits?

Our university uses the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) which is a workload-based system for measuring and comparing study results. The student is awarded a certain number of ECTS credits for each course, which reflects the workload necessary to successfully complete a course. One ECTS credit point can equal on average between 25 and 30 actual study hours. To learn more about the ECTS, please see the [ECTS Users' guide](#)

How can I tell which courses are from which department?

Every department has its code which is included in the course code as well.

Code:	Department
ARCH	Department of Archaeology
CJP	Centre of Foreign Languages
HIU	Institute of History
KFSV	Department of Philosophy and Social Sciences
KP	Department of Political Science
KPVHA	Department of Auxiliary Sciences of History and Archival Studies
KSOC	Department of Sociology
USP	The Institute of Social Work

NOTICE:

You MUST choose at least 75% of total amount of chosen credits (i.e. credits from all courses chosen by you) from the Philosophical Faculty UHK! It means you can choose courses from other UHK faculties, but total amount of credit valuation of them can be 25% maximum of total number of credits. For example: you've chosen 5 or 6 courses with total amount of 32 ECTS credits - in this case, MINIMUM of 24 credits should be assigned to courses chosen from the Philosophical Faculty's offer, MAXIMUM of 8 credits could be assigned to courses from other faculty/faculties.

Having more questions?

We will be glad to answer them. You can always contact us via e-mail: ff.internationaloffice@uhk.cz





WINTER SEMESTER

SEPTEMBER 2023 – JANUARY 2024

20th Century World History

KP/WH2PA

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course analyzes the issues of political history of Europe and the world in the 20th century, taking into account the context and comparison with the acquired Czech and Central European history. The individual chapters discuss this development from the beginning of the 20th century to the present. They also deal with both world wars and political systems of modern times (fascism, communism and their totalitarian ideologies and manifestations in individual countries during the 20th century). The current development after the fall of communism and the formation of the modern world is emphasized. Not only relations and political events are preferred, but also related economic, social, etc. The course also takes into account the specifics of the world, especially relates and compares the realities of the Czech lands and Central Europe with greater history (USA, USSR, China, etc.) , with emphasis on the basic epochs and events that affected the world in the 20th century (world wars, major economic crises, communist movement, Cold War).

A History of the Book

KPVHA/MPHOB

Credits: 3 ECTS

The seminar aims to provide a general introduction to the various types of sources extant in the libraries of the Czech Republic. In concrete present the short history of libraries, forms of the preserved sources, the typology of the script, ornamentation, bindings, and fragments. Furthermore, acquaint with the individual types of texts, i.e. genres of the medieval literature.

Applied Ethics

KFSV/PAPE

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course serves as an introduction to contemporary issues in applied ethics. Topics such as euthanasia, abortion, death penalty, sexual harassment, affirmative action, pornography, genetic engineering, animal rights, climate change, and others will be discussed. Based on the assigned reading, students will also learn how to critically evaluate core arguments presented by opposite sides of the debates. Requirements on students: To pass the course, students must read the texts assigned for each lesson, and actively participate in discussions. Max. two absences are allowed.

Central European History 1781–1918

HIU/ECEH1

Credits: 7 ECTS

The basic aim of the course is to analyze modern Czech history in the wider context of the history of Central Europe. The proposed course will guide the students through several processes of modernity (industrialization, urbanization, liberalism, civil society, and nationalism; modernity here basically equaling the traditional sociological definition of classical and "high" modernity (Giddens, 1990; or Bauman 1989)). Many themes (like nationalism and liberalism) will be closer to cultural or (in the case of modernization and emigration) social history. As a result, the course should help students to understand specific problems of Czech history national mythology and memory-making, the problem of elites and emigration, or the key issues in the process of emergent Czechoslovak state.

Central European Politics

HIU/ECEPO

Credits: 6 ECTS

This course deals with political systems of Central European countries after WWII. It is based on theories of non-democratic regimes, theories of transition, consolidation and theories of democracy, which are used for analysis of development and a current state of political systems. The course is primarily focused on the countries of so-called Visegrad Four, i.e. Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia. This region is studied within a wider comparative perspective, which enables comparison with other post-communist European countries.

Central European Social Systems in Comparative Perspective

HIU/ESYST

Credits: 5 ECTS

he course analyses historical context of the emergence of the welfare state and its further development in the 20th century. The end of the 20th century is described as the so-called "crisis of the welfare state". This topic is followed by an analysis of the causes and context of the crisis and the reforms made in the European welfare states since the 1980s. There is a space reserved for such terms as mixed economy, quasi-market, convergence of various models of the welfare state. The topic of convergence is naturally preceded by an analysis of the basic typologies of welfare states and the basic models of welfare states included in them. Special focus is on central European model of social policy and its eclectic approach to social welfare.



Combatting Corruption

KP/CC2PB

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course is structured as an introduction into the study of corruption and anti-corruption policies around the world. After the completion of the course, the student should have a good understanding of a) the roots of corruption and its variants in different cultures, b) the scholarly debate on corruption in different fields, c) the approaches and technologies we use to assess corruption on the national and the international level. In its first half, the course covers the development of research into corruption and its current progress. In the second half, students are expected to finish and shortly present their own 5-page analyses of selected corruption cases. The course is closed with an excursion to the offices of Czech anti-corruption NGOs in Prague. Apart from reading the literature, students are required to attend lessons in Hradec Králové; attendance of the Prague excursion is non-compulsory. The final grade consists of points awarded for students' analyses (50%) and for a written examination (50%).

Concepts of Central Europe

HIU/ECOCE

Credits: 5 ECTS

The goal of this course is to introduce students to the basic problems and questions of Central European space throughout history. Starting with the relevant points in the past, the course will follow the development of the very definition of Central Europe in the cultural and intellectual context of both Central as well as Western and Eastern Europe. With the help of selected texts, both contemporary as well as analytical, will the students acquire basic knowledge of how geography is culturally structured, and of the consequences the emergent structures have for social and political reality.

Czech for International Students 1

CJP/CJ1

Credits: 6 ECTS

The seminar focuses on teaching the Czech for International Students. The aim of the course is to introduce students to the Czech language on the lexical, morphological and syntactic level. Great attention will be paid to conversational exercises. The first semester is focused on the beginner's studies and ability in grasping and grappling with the Czech Language.

Czech for International Students 2

CJP/CJ2

Credits: 6 ECTS

The seminar focuses on teaching the Czech language to foreign students. The aim of the course is to continue introducing students to the Czech language on the lexical, morphological and syntactic level. Great attention will be paid to conversational exercises. The second semester builds on the lessons of the first semester.

What is folk psychology?

KFSV/PFPSY

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course aims to introduce students into selected areas of current philosophical and psychological thinking concerning the so-called 'common-sense' or 'folk' psychology (in the psychological literature known as 'theory of mind'). We will read and discuss a number of classical or recent studies that focus on the nature and wider significance of human abilities to perceive and understand psychological states of one another.

Philosophy of Language

KFSV/PPLAN

Credits: 8 ECTS

The aim of the course is to introduce the students into the recent and current philosophical views on the nature of language and into the philosophical discussions engendered by the confrontations of the views.

Conversation in English

CJP/COENG

Credits: 3 ECTS

To prepare students for internship and communication at foreign universities. A serious interest in employing acquired skills and knowledge for an internship at foreign universities.

- Professional CV, interview-based on personal motivation
- Travelling- booking tickets, booking flights
- Building general communication skills
- Building confidence in communication in English
- Searching for accommodation
- Engaging with common conversation topics: including culture, art, music, hobbies etc.
- Engaging fellow students in independent debate topics
- Creative problem solving via discussion in English
- Using speaking, listening, reading and writing in English



Discourse Theory in Social Work

USP/PADIS

Credits: 3 ECTS

The course aims to introduce the sociological approach emphasising the influence of language in forming an individual's identity and their socio-political conditionality. The student shall gain an insight into the development of approaches to the conditionality of identity by culture and language, and their current application in matters of freedom of discussion, the possibilities of mutual co-operation in the formation of society and waves of the feminist movement.

English for humanities and social sciences

CJP/EHSS

Credits: 4 ECTS

The course focuses on the development of language skills and competencies, both receptive, i.e. comprehension of the read and heard text, and productive, i.e. writing skills. The course emphasizes on working with general and professional texts from the field of humanities and social sciences (comprehension, interpretation of read/heard text, etc.), development of professional vocabulary and practice of selected grammatical phenomena. Emphasis is placed on correct pronunciation and understanding of the spoken word. It includes grammar explanations, active vocabulary practice, text work, and conversations.

Ethical Theories in Social Work

USP/PAETI

Credits: 5 ECTS

The aim of the subject is to extend and deepen knowledge in the area of ethics, with an emphasis on their application use in social work. The course is designed to strengthen the morally-analytical and reflexively-argumentative skills of students by reinterpreting key topics such as freedom, responsibility, fairness, and values, as well as the concept of man and decision-making, and their significance in the field of social work.

Film Seminar

KP/FS4PB

Credits: 5 ECTS

Lectures on the history of sub-Saharan francophone cinematography. The course is divided into two parts: (1) European colonial short movies, which present the presence of colonizers in Africa in a positive light, short movies from European authors on the reality of colonized territories in Africa and the first sub-Saharan short movies about the cultural alienation caused by the presence of Europeans in Africa. (2) The focus shifts on sub-Saharan feature films and how do they reflect the African post-colonial reality. The main objective of the course is to understand core issues of this production (a contrast between tradition and modernity, rural and urban areas, a history of the Senegalese Tirailleurs, or a position of women in African societies). The course is organized as a seminar; each projection is thus followed by a section for comments and discussions.

French for International Students 1

CJP/IFJ1

Credits: 4 ECTS

The aim of the course is to develop all four language competencies (reading, listening, speaking and writing). Emphasis is placed on communicativeness, processing of professional information and application of language skills on the topics connected to the field of study.

European Integration: Polity, Politics and Policy

KP/EI2PA

Credits: 6 ECTS

The aim of this course is to provide basic information on the institutional framework of the European Union and selected policies. The first part of the course will focus on the EU institutional framework, different theories and conceptualizations of the European Union as a political system and on the basic institutions (such as Commission, EU Parliament) that make up the European Union. The second part of the course focuses on selected EU policies (e.g. foreign and security policy, single market, economic and monetary policy, etc.). For each policy we will focus on their emergence, development and current state, including related current policy discussions. Completing this course, students should gain insight into the functioning of the European Union, including topics and agendas falling within the EU's sphere of competence.



Innovations in the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic

ARCH/MINOV

Credits: 5 ECTS

Innovations in Palaeolithic and Mesolithic presents principal innovations in the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic that transformed lives of humans and hominids. Each of 13 classes aims to introduce one of these innovations. Theoretical overview is based on archaeological evidence particularly from Africa, Levant, and Europe, and it is supplemented by ethnographic analogies in case where archaeological evidence is missing. During the seminar, students present the assigned journal article and discuss it subsequently. Students obtain basic knowledge on major innovations in the hunter-gatherer societies in the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic. They learn about hunter-gatherer ways of processing of stone, bone, and wood, about the ways of living, tool manufacture, hunting, eating, clothing, and burying the deceased. Students are able to distinguish major type tools used in the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic and they are able to look up appropriate scientific literature. Students are capable of critically reading scientific article, presenting its principal themes and discussing it in English.

Arabic Language 1

CJP/ARB1

Credits: 3 ECTS

Student will be able to write and read Arabic words, understand simple sentences and perform simple conversation (greetings, simple expressions, etc.) in classical language.

Introduction Seminar to Political Science

KP/IS2PA

Credits: 10 ECTS

The aim of the course is to familiarize the students with the art of scientific writing and presentation of scientific results. In this respect the selection of relevant topic, adequate structure of the text, citation norms, sources, character and types of data will be discussed. The course is taught in interactive way. It means that during the semester the students will fulfil various assignments that reflect the discussed topics and they will also study how to present them with the objective of improving their communicative, argumentation, rhetoric and writing skills.

International Conference Event in Social Work

USP/PACON

Credits: 1 ECTS

The course is based on individual activity of enrolled students on the international conference organised by University Hradec Králové - Hradec Days of Social Work. The course is recommended for students of social work primarily, but open also for related fields of interest. The course is one day event in the term of international conference hold in Hradec Králové (date will be specified). Requirements to pass the course: Personal participation on the conference event (no charge, no payments for international students). Creation of notes and active participation on discussion during the international section of the conference (the event will be hold in english). Subscription on conference presentation desk.

International Relations

KP/IR2PA

Credits: 8 ECTS

This course is a compulsory first year course for the political science students. Basic goal of the course is to present key periods and turning points in the development of international relations. The goal is not only to describe the unfolding of international relations events, but also to utilize previously acquired knowledge of international relations theory. Historical development of international relations will therefore serve as an empirical basis for showing key theoretical concepts in international relations, such as power politics, alliance theory, working of balance of power, asymmetrical interdependence, economic globalization etc.

Gender and Society

KSOC/EGES

Credits: 4 ECTS

The course introduces students to core concepts of gender studies. Special attention is focused on the dichotomy of sex and gender, gender stereotypes in various fields (in education, science, media, labor market, etc.), gender roles and socialization, and different types of femininities and masculinities. After passing the course, students will also be familiar with the history of feminist movement and with the current feminist epistemology.



Introduction to Archaeometallurgy

ARCH/MJKIA

Credits: 4 ECTS

This course introduces the origins and evolution of metallurgy up to the medieval times. It covers the archaeologically most important metals (gold, silver, copper, bronze, tin, lead, iron, steel) and addresses extractive metallurgy, production and manufacturing techniques, from the mine to the finished artefact. Part of this course will be focused on explanation of analytical techniques and methods used in study of archaeological metals, including basic and trace elements composition analysis, isotopes analysis, metallographic methods, etc. Case studies are presented from research projects of the lecturer, integrating metallurgy within wider social and economic contexts and archaeological questions. The aims of this course are to give students a fundamental understanding of the development and spread of mining and metallurgy within their geological and archaeological contexts from the beginning up to the medieval times. Through selected case studies, students will be acquainted with the methodology of archaeometallurgical research and currently used analytical methods, their principles and possibilities of their application in studying archaeological metals.

Introduction to Political Science

KP/IP2PA

Credits: 7 ECTS

In this course, students will get acquainted with the problems and issues that political science studies as an independent social science discipline. The course is designed to provide the broadest possible overview and introduce the basic concepts of political science. Completion of the course will enable students to understand the basic mechanisms of the political process, its actors and the institutional framework. In addition, students will gain an overview of the ideological basis of the various political camps that shape current politics. At the same time, they will learn basic information about the trends that are changing today's policy. The above should lead to students being able to orientate themselves and argue factually in discussions on general policy issues.

Nonprofit Sector Law

USP/PANEZ

Credits: 3 ECTS

Students will deepen their knowledge about the development and situation of the nonprofit sector in the Czech Republic. They will obtain an orientation in the applied terminology, acquire the analytical work with sources and information about nonprofit sector, and practise the procedure of establishing a non-governmental nonprofit organization (NGO) as a part of the managerial competencies of a social worker.

Philosophy of Social Science

KFSV/FILSE

Credits: 6 ECTS

General Information: This course will be a survey of issues in the philosophy of the social sciences, with a focus on questions of reductionism, rational choice and game theory, causal modeling, evolution, and case studies.

Political Geography of Central Europe

HIU/EPOGC

Credits: 5 ECTS

This course provides an understanding of the theory, basic concepts, methods and practices of political geography and their application to the region of Central Europe. This course focuses on the geographical factors that fundamentally influence political processes in the given area and introduces students to the regional and international relations of Central Europe. The aim of this course is to familiarize students with the close relationship between territoriality and politics, the specifics of the historical and political development of Central European countries, definitions and geographical characteristics of the Central European area.

Reflections of Violence in Contemporary

Feminist Theories

USP/PAVIO

Credits: 3 ECTS

The course aims on contemporary feminist social theories, where phenomenon of violence occurs from both perspectives: left-wing and right-wing. The phenomenon will be contextualized in its political, economic, social and ethical features. Because almost all of the theories are based on classical theories of violence (Arendt, Benjamin, Levinas etc.), it will be necessary to reflect also arguments and perspectives of its authors.



Theory of Welfare State

USP/PATWS

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course starts with an analysis of the theoretical interpretations of the emergence and development of welfare state - the so called supply-side and demand-side theories. The subject examines the historical context of the emergence of welfare state from the perspective of major (political) ideologies of welfare. The contemporary relevant ideologies of welfare (social welfare) will be examined on the basis of the previously defined main characteristics of the ideology and the criteria of the ideology's significance. The teacher will go through traditional ideologies of welfare - liberalism, Marxism, and also late-modern ideologies of welfare - feminism, ideology of the Greens, and contemporary ideology of social democracy. All ideologies will be mentioned with regard to the interpretation of the emergence and current development of welfare state. Great attention will also be paid to the current situation of welfare state, i.e. the process of its modernization, flexibilization of labour, and other current development tendencies (recalibration, recomodification,?). All this is on the basis of the previous more thorough studies of the mutual relation between the market, State, and civil sector within the so-called triangle of affluence.

Pottery Technology for the Archaeologist

ARCH/QPOTA

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course maps basic variability of technological sequences of pottery manufacture in preindustrial societies. The course is divided into the theoretical and practical part. The theoretical overview is based on ethnographic, ethnoarchaeological, and archaeological evidence. All the basic steps in pottery manufacture are exposed. The course is intended for students of archaeology, thus special attention is paid to the possible archaeological evidence for pottery technology and to the methodology for identification of pottery technology based on archaeological ceramics. The introduction to the methodology covers all types of analytical techniques: macroscopic analysis, optical and other types of microscopy, instrumental techniques and experimental approach to the study of pottery technology.

Social Economy

USP/PASEK

Credits: 5 ECTS

Aim of the course: The course aims to expand students' knowledge of the approaches that exist within the framework of economic reality, but are focused at harnessing human potential and addressing the societal problems that are often the product of the market economy.

Sociology of Religion

KSOC/ASORE

Credits: 4 ECTS

What is religion and how can we study it? Is there a general decline in religiosity or is religious life in contemporary societies on its rise? The course provides an overview of possible answers to these questions from a sociological perspective. The students will be introduced to the historical context in which the discipline was established and its development. We shall discuss classic theories of the relationship between religion and society as well as new trends in the study of religions.

The Role of Women in Resistance to Totalitarian and Post–Totalitarian Regimes in East and Central Europe

KSOC/ERWR

Credits: 4 ECTS

A deeper and more thorough understanding of anti-regime resistance in the former East and Central European totalitarian and post-totalitarian regimes is gained by highlighting participation of women in individual national systems. At the start, the forms of gender stereotyping characteristic to teleological communist ideology will be compared to everyday practices of real socialist systems. Subsequently, national variations of women's role in cultural and political protest will be presented in the form of individual case studies of prominent intellectuals and activists: e.g. the Soviet case through the contributions of human rights activist Yelena Bonner, the Romanian case through the activities of human rights activist Doina Cornea, or the Czech case by the experiences of human rights activist Anna Šabatová.



United States from Revolution to the Civil War

HIU/AAUSA

Credits: 6 ECTS

The purpose of this course is to make students understand the evolution of the United States from the early republic to a deeply divided nation going into the bloodiest war in its short history. To follow this goal, the course will focus on three main areas: the growing rift in American society as well as national identity leading to war; the war itself, war experience, and the way it changed American society; and on the war's results and consequences leading to reconstruction. Along the way, many specific topics will be touched, such as the problem of mobilizing society for war, diplomacy, or historical memory. To reach this goal, students are required to be prepared for each class through required readings. All the texts will be, with certain exceptions, available online.

Urban Sociology in Theory and Practice

KSOC/URBSO

Credits: 4 ECTS

The course introduces students to the sociological research of urban space and presents selected sociological texts of the most cited sociological works. The course aims to acquaint students with the basic works and topics of urban sociology of the European and American branches of sociology since the beginning of the 20th century. The course leads students to learn about the main topics of urban sociology and an overview of conceptual problems addressed in the sociology of the city. The sociology of the city is closely linked to other disciplines and practices, which is reflected in the thematic setting of the course (problems of gentrification and uneven development of the city, racism, poverty, crime, public health, etc.). Within the course, students take two urban walks with expert comments.

Elections and Political Parties in Latin America

KP/VA3PA

Credits: 5 ECTS

The aim of the course is to introduce students to the electoral and party systems in Latin America. The focus will be on the analysis of the impact of institutional rules on the politics of Latin American countries. The introductory part of the course will establish a theoretical framework for examining electoral and party systems, and this framework will then be applied to Latin American countries in subsequent lectures. The second part of the course will focus on Analysis and typologization of electoral systems for executive and legislative elections and issues of political representation. The third part of the course will focus on the evolution of party systems and new party phenomena in Latin America.

Informal Communication Practices in Contemporary International Relations

KP/RC2PB

Credits: 5 ECTS

This course explores the place and role of informal communication in the practice of international interaction at the present stage. While official diplomacy remains the traditional centre of formal interaction between actors in the international arena, modern international relations demonstrate the ubiquity of informal communication practices, such as meetings and negotiations through informal channels ('Track Two diplomacy'), personal relationships between leaders and other representatives etc. In modern international relations such practices are an additional methods for interaction, which open up wide opportunities for achieving goals, sometimes in non-standard ways. During the course, students will become familiar with case studies of how informal communication methods are used in modern international relations to resolve conflicts, build trust and advance national interests in different regions of the world. Using case studies and focus groups, students will discuss the possibilities and effectiveness of informal communications in international relations.



Introduction to Anthropology

KP/IA4PA

Credits: 6 ECTS

This course is an introduction to sociocultural anthropology and introduces students to systematics and key concepts. It offers a way of understanding the commonalities of human experience and the diversity of human societies and cultures. It offers tools for understanding the experiences of indigenous peoples in different parts of the world. Through reading, through lectures and discussions, students will become familiar with the concerns and opinions of cultural anthropologists. The course introduces some key concepts related to anthropology such as culture, kinship, religion, race, gender, community, ethnicity and identity, and provides an opportunity to learn about different social and cultural contexts.

The context of African government and politics

KP/GP3PB

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course introduces students to the current African political environment and unpacks the concepts and terminologies that characterize African governments and politics. The context of African government and politics also studies African countries' political practices and systems. More importantly, events, issues, and circumstances affecting African politics are examined broadly. The course also interrogates party systems and electoral processes in African countries. The course content broadly considers the role of democratic institutions in democratic processes in the African continent. Political concepts and terminologies are also applied to explain the legislature's role in selected African countries.

Block of Experts Lectures

KP/EL2PB*

KP/PZEA*

KP/PZEL*



Erasmus+

Credits: 6 ECTS

The insights and opinions of foreign experts are often the only way for students and academics to become familiar with reality and the theoretical and practical problems that researchers in other parts of the world encounter in their research. However, for the most part, such knowledge can only be acquired through the intermediary, i.e. through texts, which greatly reduces it and makes interactive discussion as a very important part of social science impossible. The subject of "Foreign Expert Lectures" seeks to eliminate this alienation, through lectures by foreign experts from diverse parts of the world, whom the UHK Faculty of Philosophy regularly invites to its premises. There will be six experts from Africa visiting the FF UHK in summer semester 2022/2023 in the frame of Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility project:

„History of the African Diaspora“

Cyrelene Merrilyne Amoah-Boampong
University of Ghana



„Contemporary Brazilian Politics: Political Coalitions and Governance“

Maria Ximena Simpson Severo
Universidad Nacional de General San Martín



„History of Cape Verde (with focus on migration)“

João Pedro Abreu Martins
Universidade Jean Piaget de Cabo Verde



„Social – cultural context of the African family in addressing challenges of modernization“

Gidraph Gachunga Wairire
University of Nairobi



„Nation, neoliberalism and cultural diplomacy in 21st century Latin America: nation branding in Peru, Colombia and Cuba“

Felix Antonio Lossio Chavez
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú



*KP/EL2PB is the abbreviation for students of undergraduate programmes

*KP/PZEA is the abbreviation for students of graduate programmes focusing on African region

*KP/PZEL is the abbreviation for students of graduate programmes focusing on Latin American region



Archaeology of crafts, craftsmanship and craftsmen in Central European Iron Age

ARCH/QJEMC

Credits: 4 ECTS

The course aims to familiarise the students with the material, technological and social settings of practising crafts in the Iron Age temperate Europe. The communities inhabiting this part of the continent displayed various models of social and craft organisation yet were tightly linked to one another over time and space. The discussed area perfectly illustrates how technologies were used, developed and transferred in such settings. The theoretical introduction will include ethnographic and archaeological evidence from Europe and beyond, while the particular technologies and production patterns will be discussed on Central European examples. Students also prepare a short presentation on one of the discussed topics. Students obtain fundamental knowledge of the material and non-material conditions of producing items of everyday use, such as pottery, objects of wood, metal, fibre, bone, antler, leather, glass, and amber. Students can discuss how the particular categories of items were produced and distributed in various parts of Central Europe and look up appropriate scientific literature. Students can read scientific articles critically, find the appropriate information and present the results of their studies in English.

Course of visiting professor

Dr. Joanna Ewa Markiewicz

University of Wroclaw



Sport in World History

HIU/AAVP1

Credits: 6 ECTS

This course will explore the political, social, economic, and cultural changes of the last two centuries, around the world, by studying the development of modern sports. In looking at the histories of team sports, athletics organizations, and the Olympic movement, we see themes of sectarian and ethnic division, class conflict, imperialism, racism, gender roles, commercialism and economic globalization, and the influence of political ideology. In this course, we will address these issues by looking at the development of modern sports in Europe and North America, their spread to different world regions, and the creation of our current, global sports market. Throughout the course, there will be discussion of how sport in Habsburg Bohemia, the First Czechoslovak Republic, socialist Czechoslovakia, and the Czech Republic connects to larger global developments.

Course of visiting professor

Dr. Bruce Berglund

Augsburg University,
Minneapolis



History of the Soviet & Post-Soviet Russia

HIU/PSSMX

Credits: 2 ECTS

This course provides a survey of Russian history from the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 to the presidency of Vladimir Putin. The course will discuss Marxist-Leninist ideology, the creation of the Stalinist state, the Soviet bloc in Europe, the attempts at reform under Gorbachev, the transition to a new Russian state, and the background to the war in Ukraine. The course will emphasize political, diplomatic, economic, and cultural history.

Course of visiting professor

Dr. Bruce Berglund

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Minneapolis





SUMMER SEMESTER

FEBRUARY 2024 – JUNE 2024

20th Century Czech History

KP/CH2PA

Credits: 5 ECTS

The aim of the course is to acquaint students with basic topics from the political history of the first Czechoslovak Republic, the second Czechoslovak Republic, the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia and the history of Czechoslovakia in 1945-1989, supplemented by the key context of economic, social and cultural history. The interpretation of the protectorate period will also be supplemented by domestic and foreign anti-Nazi resistance; in the post-war period, attention will be paid mainly to totalitarian elements of Czechoslovak state and social development, resistance against them and state political persecution. The lectures are thematically concluded with the restoration of democracy in Czechoslovakia and the disintegration of the federation, which directly preceded the emergence of the current existence of the Czech Republic.

Arabic Language 2

CJP/ARB2

Credits: 3 ECTS

Students will become acquainted with five basic language skills, such as (listening-reading-writing-academic vocabulary and grammar) all in level 2. GRAMMAR: The imperative, The simple present tense with all pronouns, The simple past tense with all pronouns, The subject, The object, The actual sentences, The noun phrases, The conjunctions.

Buddhism and Modern Societies

KSOC/ABCS

Credits: 5 ECTS

Buddhism is considered one of the world's oldest religious traditions. Especially in last decades its popularity has been on rise also in countries outside Asia. The course draws on paradigms of classic sociology of religion. The goal of the course is to come to understand Buddhism and its diversity in contemporary world with a special focus on the phenomenon so called global Buddhism. Various globally dispersed Buddhist schools will be introduced such as schools of Tibetan Buddhism, schools of Pure Land Buddhism, schools of Zen Buddhism, schools of Nichiren Buddhism etc. Students will study their teachings, history and place in contemporary world.

Central European Cultural History

HIU/ECULH

Credits: 5 ECTS

The subject outlines the cultural history of Central Europe since the end of the 18th century. It lays the main stress on architecture and fine arts as a change agent in literature, philosophy, and music. Problems will be solved in the socio-political context, notably in the perspective of the different ideologies.

Central European History since 1918

HIU/ECEH2

Credits: 7 ECTS

Students will be introduced to the history of Central Europe after 1918, presented in the context of historical developments in a number of Central European countries. The structure of lectures is oriented towards the internal developments of various regimes, as reflected in political, economic and social history. Special attention will be given to totalitarian ideologies such as nazism, fascism and communism, and their conflict with mainstream politics. Social and cultural history of the region will be emphasized as well.

Conversation in English

CJP/COENG

Credits: 3 ECTS

To prepare students for internship and communication at foreign universities. A serious interest in employing acquired skills and knowledge for an internship at foreign universities.

- Professional CV, interview-based on personal motivation
- Travelling- booking tickets, booking flights
- Building general communication skills
- Building confidence in communication in English
- Searching for accommodation
- Engaging with common conversation topics: including culture, art, music, hobbies etc.
- Engaging fellow students in independent debate topics
- Creative problem solving via discussion in English
- Using speaking, listening, reading and writing in English



Czech for International Students I

CJP/CJ1

Credits: 6 ECTS

The seminar focuses on teaching the Czech for International Students. The aim of the course is to introduce students to the Czech language on the lexical, morphological and syntactic level. Great attention will be paid to conversational exercises. The first semester is focused on the beginner's studies and ability in grasping and grappling with the Czech Language.

Czech for International Students II

CJP/CJ2

Credits: 6 ECTS

The seminar focuses on teaching the Czech language to foreign students. The aim of the course is to continue introducing students to the Czech language on the lexical, morphological and syntactic level. Great attention will be paid to conversational exercises. The second semester builds on the lessons of the first semester.

Demographic Issues in Contemporary Society

USP/PADMG

Credits: 3 ECTS

This course offers a broad panorama of the major socio-demographic challenges that the various regions of the world face in the 21st century. Its goal is to introduce students to the main concepts of demographic analysis, current demographic trends and key demographic issues. The course is designed to make students acquainted with the basic demographic terms, methods and to cover fundamental measures of mortality, fertility, family formation and migration. The questions addressed cover both socio-demographic and health trends, as well as their economic, social, political and environmental causes and consequences. Moreover, this course offers social perspectives on population development from a comparative and international perspective.

Experimental Archaeology

ARCH/QEXAR

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course is aimed at understanding the basic principles of experimental methods and defining their specifics when applied within archeology. The principles of designing experimental projects will be explained in detail. Students will then prepare their own proposals of experimental projects and present them during the seminars.

English for humanities and social sciences

CJP/EHSS

Credits: 4 ECTS

The course focuses on the development of language skills and competencies, both receptive, i.e. comprehension of the read and heard text, and productive, i.e. writing skills. The course emphasizes on working with general and professional texts from the field of humanities and social sciences (comprehension, interpretation of read/heard text, etc.), development of professional vocabulary and practice of selected grammatical phenomena. Emphasis is placed on correct pronunciation and understanding of the spoken word. It includes grammar explanations, active vocabulary practice, text work, and conversations.

Financing Political Competition

KP/FP2PB

Credits: 6 ECTS

The course is structured as an introduction into financing of political competition around the world and in the Czech Republic. In the first part, students learn classic and modern theories of political finances and study existing literature. In the second part, they move onto the practices of financing of election campaigns, political parties and candidates around the world. Finally, in the last part, the Czech system of political financing is analyzed in detail and compared to other European models.

Historical and Political Development of China

KP/HP2PB

Credits: 5 ECTS

This course wants to trace main paths of political, social and legal development of Chinese society from the start of the last Chinese dynasty in 1644 until 2012. Emphasis will be put on the detailed historical development of three consecutive eras. The dynastic era, where many structural features of today's Chinese society and politics were firmly set in place, however mainly by incorporated centuries lasting traditions of rule and personal conduct. Then the focus of the course will move to the turbulent years of the Chinese republic (1912-1949). The last and most comprehensive part of the course will cover the rule of the Communist Party of China. Great deal of the lectures will be devoted to discussions of the differences between Western and Chinese political and social development; their different understanding of the role and substance of political power and also the problem of how the rule of the people (strongly featuring in Chinese and Western thought) should be institutionally maintained.



French for international students 2

CJP/IFJ2

Credits: 4 ECTS

The course builds on the knowledge of IFJ1 and its goal is to develop all four language competencies (reading, listening, speaking and writing).

History of Political Thought

KP/HP2PA

Credits: 8 ECTS

Goal of the course is to give students the basic understanding of the development of political thought from its beginnings in Ancient Greece up to the 20th century. During the course we will analyze the key figures in the history of Western political thought especially through explaining their philosophical systems using primary sources (Plato, Aristotle, Augustin of Hippo, Aquinas, Machiavelli, Locke, Hobbes, Rousseau, Mill, Marx, Rawls). In addition, during the course, we will pay attention to social and economic circumstances in which key works of political philosophy were created. This course has an ambition to provide crucial information about the development of political philosophy in the West, which is necessary for proper orientation in contemporary normative political debates. Even though many of the authors analyzed in this course wrote in very different kinds of societies from our own, some of their concepts and solutions to social problems are still very much actual.

Introduction to Post-Colonial Theories

KP/PC4PB

Credits: 5 ECTS

"Post" in the term post-colonial represents both the period after the colonization and the opportunities for resistance againsts the colonialism, its policy and ideology, as well as the contemporary forms of supremacy and subjugation. The aim of this course is to explain the political, cultural and language problems stirred up by the European colonization and its legacy. The course deals with theoretical work of authors, who represent the post-colonial theory (Césaire, Fanon, Saïd, Spivak, Mbembe, Bhabha, Thiong'o or Jameson) and analysis of French and francophone literature (mostly from African and Caribbean authors). It helps the students to see the literature from the perspective of power relations among individuals, languages and cultures, and to highlight the stylistic and thematic characteristics of novels written by authors from former French colonies or overseas departments.

Integration Processes and Politics

in Central Europe

HIU/EINPP

Credits: 5 ECTS

This course will focus on several themes connected to the changes developing in Central European states prior and after their entry to the European Union in 2004. Firstly, the course will deal with comparative assessment of differences and similarities of the post-1989 political, social, and economic transition. In the next part of the course, we will focus on both regional (Visegrad 4, CEFTA) integration and the preparation for entry in the EU. Long term attempts by the Central European countries to join the EU had significant impact upon the politics, economy, state administration and other afflicted areas. The integration of Central European states in EU structures not only provided more venues for mutual cooperation and dialogue, but also showed some points of divergence, which should be tackled if Central European cooperation is going to intensify in the future. Special part of the course will be devoted to the entry of CE states to NATO by the end of 1990s. We will deal with different roles played by Central European states within NATO and we will try to answer the question how does NATO membership affected regional security cooperation. Because of strategic position of Central Europe on the continent, in the end of the course we analyse the impact of integration processes.

John Rawls and Theory of Welfare State

USP/PARAW

Credits: 3 ECTS

Aim of the course is to closely consider main possible aspects of welfare state throughout the work of John Rawls. These include f.e. social contract theories (Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau), concepts of justice and social ethics... Also, critics toward Rawls contractualist approach will be reflected, mainly communitarism and liberalism in contemporary american political philosophy (Fraser, Honneth, Taylor).

Intellectual Life in the Czech Lands

in 16th – 19th Centuries

KPVHA/HSEME

Credits: 6 ECTS

Conducting a research into the historical scholarship in Early Modern Europe is difficult because many of the key figures are yet to be studied. Besides, our knowledge remains limited to a small number of the texts produced by a small percentage of those who concerned themselves with antiquity. Yet the goal of the subject is to give information about the topic in general, about its main traits in Western, Central and East Central Europe.



History of Eastern Christianity

HIU/AAHEC

Credits: 6 ECTS

The subject covers the history of Christianity in the wider area of the Eastern Mediterranean, the Balkans, Central and Eastern Europe. Attention is paid mainly to the development of the Orthodox direction of Christianity in Byzantium, the description of its classical form and characteristics, and its subsequent spreading to neighboring geographical areas. The aim of the course is to acquaint students with the main features of the development of Eastern Christianity, especially those that still have an impact on current events.

Indigenous Peoples in Latin America

KP/IP4PB

Credits: 6 ECTS

The course will briefly trace the history of Indigenous Peoples in Latin America from the pre-Columbian past to present days. The first sessions will provide an introduction to Indigenous Peoples in Latin America, their origins, but also examine what lies behind the label 'being indigenous' during different periods. It will focus on basic cultural concepts of Indigenous Peoples, their oral tradition and rituals. Final sessions will be dedicated to major current issues, such as globalization, environment and sustainable development, cooperation, human rights, etc.

Society and Belonging in Africa

KP/SB4PB

Credits: 5 ECTS

The seminar discusses the social and anthropological study of belonging and identities in Africa from a historical and (post)-colonial perspective and with a focus on South Africa. We primarily draw upon ethnographic methodologies and social science theories about African societies. Students will read about current social and class structures, gender relations and micro and macro politics. Our leading questions for the course are: what characterizes the relationships between current cultural practices, ethnicity and identity politics in Africa and how are social and linguistic identities entangled in the life of African people? We also examine how socio-economic, political and religious dynamics impact onto the construction of identities and social life in Africa more general. Throughout this course, students will learn theoretical concepts and methods to analyse how dynamics of belonging in Africa are constituted. Through extensive readings drawn from classic as well as contemporary scholarship, we will examine the entanglements of language, culture, territory and identity in studies of belonging.

Mediation

USP/PAMED

Credits: 3 ECTS

This course offers a broad approach to the issue of mediation, starting with a brief introduction on the topics of conflict and mediation itself and their theoretical grounds, to more specific lectures on types of negotiation, mediation styles, mediation in criminal justice, and the education and ethics behind it. Therefore, this course will provide the students with the necessary tools to comprehend mediation theories and techniques used in different practical scenarios.

Geopolitical Dimension of Intercultural Communication

KP/GC2PB

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course discusses how cultural factors can shape certain attitudes, guidelines, value systems and communication styles in the international environment, to affect the positioning influences in the modern system of international relations. The course will also examine the role of technology in intercultural communication and how digital communication tools can help or hinder intercultural understanding. Students will learn about the problems associated with cultural stereotypes, prejudice and language barriers in the process of communication and become familiar with the techniques for resolving these problems. Students will develop practical skills for effective intercultural communication, including active listening, empathy, intercultural sensitivity and critical thinking.

Philosophy of Psychology and Cognitive Science

KFSV/PPCS

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course aims to introduce students to the recent findings in psychology and cognitive science regarding human cognition. Special attention will be paid to the strengths and weaknesses of our reasoning, which have significant implications not only for our everyday life but also for the realm of expertise. Phenomena such as introspection, heuristics and biases, rationalization, confabulation, self-deception, knowledge illusion, or free will will be discussed.



Labour Relations and Discrimination

KSOC/ELRD

Credits: 4 ECTS

The course provides an introduction to labour relations and discrimination issues. Students will gain an understanding of protection against discrimination afforded by the British law as well as by the relevant legal regulations from other European countries. More specifically, it will focus on issues relating to the law on wages, working time, issues of collective representation and collective bargaining, arguments against worker participation and in favour of worker participation, freedom of association and rights of employers, discrimination against trade unionists, compulsory trade union membership, etc. Special attention will be paid to arguments against legal intervention into employment issues and arguments which might support the importance of laws for antidiscrimination mechanisms at the labour market.

Latin American Politics

KP/LP2PB

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course focuses on politics in Latin America. Students will learn the basic characteristics which have a major influence on the politics and political situation in Latin America, such as the economic situation in the region, cultural and historical aspects, etc. Emphasis will be placed on current policy phenomena in Latin America, such as revolution, the role of the army or populism. Students completing this course will gain a basic orientation in politics situation in Latin America.

Political Science Methodology

KP/PM2PA

Credits: 7 ECTS

Realization of a research should be preceded by a detailed proposal in which the researcher specifies what the research is about, what questions he/she is trying to answer, how he/she will proceed and why the research is relevant. In the course we will deal with basic philosophical and epistemological issues of the research in political science, the role of theory and literature in the research and the selection of research methods. Students will also learn about what the research project is, what its essentials are, what it serves and how and what specific research methods to choose. The theory will be demonstrated on practical examples so the students can see how each step is translated into the research process.

Management in Social Work

USP/PAMAN

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course aims to expand students' knowledge of the approaches that exist within the framework of economic reality, but are focused at harnessing human potential and addressing the societal problems that are often the product of the market economy.

1. The thought roots of the social economy
2. Labour market and unemployment
3. Defining the social economy
4. Social economy actors and their specifics
5. Social Enterprise
6. Cooperatives
7. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
8. Complementary Economic Systems

Methodological Aspects of Research in Central Europe

HIU/EMETH

Credits: 5 ECTS

Central Europe is a very specific concept that has been variously changed in the course of European history. The course is based on the explanation of different methodological approaches to Central Europe. It will be also focused on important concepts, ideas and phenomena that formed the region and its self-determination as nationalism, political ideologies, visions of the future, commemoration etc. The main goal of the course is to show the complementarity of different methodological approaches as well as to provide a historical introduction to the concept of Central Europe.

Political Ideologies and Central Europe

HIU/EPOLI

Credits: 6 ECTS

Lectures on Political Ideologies and Central Europe focus on the history of political ideologies while the seminar lectures concentrate on the transition from the system of one party and its ideology (Marxism-Leninism) to a competitive environment of democratic pluralism and the reconstitution of this environment. The special character of the transitional and post-transitional period challenges ordinary people with their mental framework as well as political scientists. Currently, we observe a certain inclination to authoritarianism in Central European States which has many intrinsic causes and some external ones. These inclinations are naturally accompanied by a proliferation of ideologies, on which we will also concentrate.



Nationalism in Central Europe

HIU/ENATC

Credits: 5 ECTS

This course addresses the interrelationship between philosophy and history. We will study the cultural and philosophical tradition of the Central Europe that underlies ways of generating different political and cultural movements. Processes of political argumentation, theoretical critique, and the influence of other cultural divisions on creation of modern nations are examined in relationship to contemporary philosophical approaches. Conceptualization of nation and national states will be explored through comparing and contrasting paradigms.

Evolutionary ethics

KFSV/PEVOL

Credits: 5 ECTS

At least since Darwin, it has become common to think of humans as animals that acquired their unique capacities via natural processes. Evolutionary ethics is a well-established scholarly discipline trying to illuminate the natural origin of morality inclusive of the related phenomena such as conscience, social normativity, empathy/sympathy, in-group/out-group tendencies, sense of rightness, and others. In this course, we will go through the fundamental concepts and theories of evolutionary ethics and consequently evaluate its metatheoretical status; meaning that we will evaluate the relationship between evolutionary science and ethics qua philosophical discipline.

Political System of the Czech Republic

HIU/EPSCR

Credits: 5 ECTS

Students will learn the basic information and characteristics of the Czech political system, including the political systems in the territory of today's Czech Republic, which preceded the present system. The course is divided into three parts. The first will focus on the political systems of Czechoslovakia from 1918 to 1989, the transition to democracy in Czechoslovakia, the political situation in the 1992 elections and the causes and mechanism of the division of Czechoslovakia. The second part focuses on the interpretation of the constitutional system, the issue of the division and control of power and the institutional anchoring of the system. In the third part the students will get acquainted with the selected public policies of the Czech Republic, the development of the party system and the main political events of the Czech policy of the 1990s and the development of civil society in the Czech Republic.

Post-Classical Archaeology 5th–8th

Centuries

ARCH/QPGPC

Credits: 5 ECTS

The course aims at providing the students with an overview of the material traces of the deep cultural and socio-economic transformations occurred in Western European landscapes between the disarticulation of the Roman empire and the rising of the Carolingian one. In order to do so, selected examples of archaeological remains from public and private, religious and secular spaces and buildings in France, Italy, Spain and the neighboring regions will be presented and discussed. Special attention will be devoted to overarching topics, supra-regional phenomena and to the connections between the Mediterranean basin and Central Europe. By the end of the course, students are expected to be familiar with the main archaeological sites and features of the 5th-8th centuries, to have a good knowledge of the current research problems and to be aware of a number of transdisciplinary approaches to complex issues.

Sociology of Peace, Conflict and Justice

KSOC/SOPEA

Credits: 4 ECTS

The course explores the ways sociologists and anthropologists have tried to understand social hierarchies and the processes by which social activity develops and sustains them. By studying social-science theories and concepts that describe and analyse how issues related to justice, conflict and social inequalities have taken shape in modern life. Students will examine how foundations of inequalities today are grounded in the developments of the concepts of Self versus Other, capitalism, neoliberalism, nation-state, patriarchy, secularism, contemporary globalization, as they have been instrumental in shaping discourses of power and conflict around the world in the age of modernity and lie at the root of increasing poverty and inequalities globally and in proliferating conflict and injustices around the world. Through the lens of inequalities, the course further encourages students to scrutinize the levels at which issues of power and conflict manifest within aspects of daily modern life. Student will explore how inequalities mediate social relations and learn about multi-faceted perspectives related to issues of power and conflict in their lives. Lastly, the course will endeavour to equip students with intellectual tools to contest and negotiate issues of power and conflict, with the goal of empowering them to understand the role of their own agency to promote social justice and equity at multiple levels of society, within their own lives and in society at large.



Reflections on Totalitarianism

KFSV/REFTO

Credits: 6 ECTS

Nazism and Stalinism represent the most tragic period of modern European history. This course is devoted to the philosophical and literary reflection of these two historical phenomena. How was total dominion over the human enabled? What was the experience of those living under totalitarian or post-totalitarian rule? Were there any differences between Nazi and Stalinist regimes? We will seek the answers to these and similar questions together with great thinkers and authors such as Hannah Arendt, Sheila Fitzpatrick, Václav Havel and Milan Kundera. 80 % attendance to the seminary and a 4-8 page paper are mandatory requirements for receiving course credit.

Comparative Political Science Methods

KP/MP3PA

Credits: 5 ECTS

The aim of the course is to provide students with a methodological background for the independent preparation of a research project in comparative political science and the ability to critically reflect on methodological solutions to existing research. In the first part of the course introduces the main steps in the research process, focusing on qualitative and quantitative methods of causal inference. Subsequently, the main principles of methodological approaches in comparative political science: case studies, comparative methods, statistical analysis and experimental methods.

Theory of Public Policy

USP/PATEV

Credits: 3 ECTS

The emphasis is placed on the processual side of the public policy dynamics (with a focus on the fields of Welfare State and social policies). The subject focuses on the processes of decision-making and implementation of public policy (social programs, or social policies), and on the approaches towards their analysis. The trends towards the so-called New Public Management and the changes in the ways of governing (governance) will also be mentioned. As to the analysis of the creation and implementation of policy, the subject focuses on the rationalism and incrementalism in the formation of public policy and on the vertical and horizontal dimensions of policy making - it mentions the approaches towards the creation and analysis of the top-down policy and the bottom-up policy.

Conceptualization of Totalitarian Regimes

KSOC/ECTR

Credits: 4 ECTS

The aim of the course is to explain the nature of totalitarianism and other nondemocratic regimes, e.g. insufficient division of powers among executive, judicial and legislative branches. Special attention will be attributed to the most important features of totalitarian regimes: lack of economic, social and political pluralism, monopoly of the dominant political party, the importance of teleological ideology, compulsory participation in state organizations. Various conceptualizations of democratic and nondemocratic regimes will be clarified by critical assessment of selected authors; Hannah Arendt, Raymond Aron, Robert Alan Dahl, Juan Linz, George Orwell, Alfred Stepan, Václav Havel, etc. The distinct theoretical reflections on nondemocratic regimes will be applied to various cases of past and current nondemocratic political regimes all around the globe.

History of Central European Political Thought

HIU/AACEP

Credits: 6 ECTS

This course aims to provide students with the basic orientation in the evolution of modern political thought in the Central European context with the help of the identification of crucial symbolical and ideological changes of this region from the 17th to the 20th century. From the methodological perspective, the course interlinks the approaches of history of ideas and political philosophy which enable to reflect the Central European thought as a historical phenomenon in the interdisciplinary way emphasizing its embeddedness in the issues of the then empirical politics. The main focus of the course thus lies in the analysis of the historical patterns of Czech, Polish and Hungarian intellectual patterns concerning the thinking about politics with an effort to consider to what extent one can assume the existence of common Central European tradition of political thought.

Political Philosophy

KFSV/PPOLP

Credits: 8 ECTS

This course is intended as an introduction to the normative discipline called political philosophy. The focus is on the fundamental and always disputed values of freedom, equality, distributive justice, the legitimacy of the state and its range, and the problems of legitimate and illegitimate coercion. The aim of the course is to offer an insight into the relationship between the individual, society, and the state and to uncover our presuppositions and biases regarding this relationship.



Ancient Greek Democracy and its Legacy

KFSV/AGDAL

Credits: 6 ECTS

This course is focused on one of the most frequently evoked legacies of the Greek world - democratic form of political organization. What does it mean with respect to ancient Athens and how the Athenian form of political organization differs from modern democratic governments? Are we allowed to talk about the democracy if we consider the exclusion of women, foreigners and slaves? Are there any apparent analogies between ancient and modern democracy, e.g. slavery, exclusion of women etc.? These questions and similar ones are going to be both raised and answered in this course.

Philosophy and Natural Science

KFSV/KPHIN

Credits: 8 ECTS

Course topics:

1. Biology, Science and Philosophy. A schism between science and humanities.
2. Charles Darwin: a biologist and a natural philosopher. Evolutionary theory. Natural and sexual selection.
3. Neo-Darwinism: a current (but overthrown) theory about the origin and purpose of living creatures.
4. Aesthetics of living nature: a main challenge for neo-Darwinism.
5. Problematics of colouration, mimicry and aesthetical structures. Darwin, Hingston and Portmann.
6. The history of biological theories and their testability.
7. A birth of modern science. Galileo and Descartes.
8. Goethean natural science. Are we capable of thinking into animals?
9. Adolf Portmann and his Czech followers.
10. Umwelt, classical ethology and biosemiotics.

Philosophy as Wisdom for Living and Dying

KFSV/PWLD

Credits: 4 ECTS

Philosophy is, literally, the love of wisdom. Wisdom is a capacity for discerning the true, the good, and the beautiful in that which is these things, and discerning its absence in that which is not. In this course, we look at philosophical literature as wisdom literature, and we trace some of the general views that have been developed within different philosophical traditions. Particular emphasis is placed on the notion that wisdom helps one live a good life.

The Psychological Foundations of Morality: Considerations from Philosophy and the Cognitive Sciences

KFSV/FPFM

Credits: 6 ECTS

The aim of this course is to present students with an overview of the philosophical and empirical study of moral psychology. Readings will be drawn from a combination of classical philosophical texts, recent empirical work, and ongoing work at the boundary of philosophy and the sciences. Some of the questions raised in this course include: to what extent do our moral judgments affect the way we evaluate others? What kinds of cognitive processes operate in our moral and social evaluations, and how conscious or aware of these processes are we? To what extent are there moral 'tribes' whose members view moral and social issues in a particular way? What are the cognitive differences that underlie different moral tribes? To what extent does the difference between the political right and the political left correspond to these underlying cognitive differences?

Cross-Cultural Competence

KP/CC2PJ

Credits: 5 ECTS

The objectives of the course are as follows:

1. to improve competence of students in communication and behaviour in the international sphere;
2. to provide an explanation of the characteristics of the subject and to teach effective communication in multi-cultural settings;
3. to develop students' awareness of Cross-Cultural Competence issues;
4. to encourage students to formulate their own ideas and opinions about the practical challenges surrounding Cross-Cultural Competence as they relate to international relations and business;
5. to help students to analyse and discuss their own national cultural behaviour and their interaction with other cultures.

Medieval European History

HIU/AAMEH

Credits: 6 ECTS

The lecture is focused on selected aspects of Medieval Europe. Each lecture focuses on a specific topic from political, economic, social and cultural history. Course Requirements: attendance, activity, a paper on topic chosen and presented by a student (30- minutes oral presentation on this research), quiz.



Language, Culture and Politics

KP/LC4KA

Credits: 6 ECTS

This course will address the relationship between language and culture, identity politics, and power dynamics, inclusion and exclusion, stratification by social class, ethnicity, race and gender. It will focus on English and the policy of English as a global language and a globally understood academic language of academic community. It will also focus on the ambiguous role of English in former British colonies. Within the course, students will become familiar with the theory and methodology of language study within the framework of language policy. Course also emphasizes the development of critical thinking. Among other things, the aim of the course will be to encourage male and female students to analyze their individual language history and the challenges associated with language policy.

Politics Of The Internet

KP/PI4PB

Credits: 6 ECTS

This class familiarizes students with how the spread of information technology (IT) and the internet has transformed politics on a global scale. It incorporates both theoretical and empirical approaches to the study of this transformation and requires students to learn how to perform qualitative coding of social media sources. The first part surveys the different facets of the intersection of politics and technology and simultaneously illustrates the scholarly approaches used to tackle them. Over the course of six weeks, it characterizes this nexus through a changing focus towards:

1. the spread of new media,
2. electoral campaigns,
3. social movements,
4. political party organization,
5. political participation, and
6. authoritarianism.

Then the second part of the class uses a series of recent case studies from Europe, Latin America and Africa to show how these transformations have taken place. To do so, we will follow a series of politicians in their social media interventions while the class unfolds, applying a qualitative coding to their daily posts. While in the first part of the class the students will focus on the theoretical and historical aspects of the transformation, here the aim is to understand the politics of the internet as they are happening during this year (2022). Finally, this class aims to provide insight that transcends local dynamics and can be applied to any context. Its ultimate goal is to endow students with tools that allow them to become full citizens of a political world that has largely moved online, something which would be dangerous to ignore.

Political Systems of Sub-Saharan Africa 1

KP/PA3PA

Credits: 7 ECTS

The main aim of the course is to acquaint students with the African political system in its historical development up to the present. The course will briefly focus on the basic tendencies of the development of historical types of African political systems in the pre-colonial and colonial periods, and attention will be paid to the national liberation struggle for independence and its influence on the formation of the post-colonial and contemporary political system. The main attention will be paid to the typology of African political systems and the basic African political regimes in the period 1960-1989 and after 1990. Students will learn about the African executive, legislative and judicial powers.

Fundraising

USP/PAFUN

Credits: 3 ECTS

The subject deepens students' practical skills in obtaining resources for the activities of a non-profit organization from the social area. Students will try various techniques and tools of fundraising, learn how to reflect social facts and phenomena particularly in relation to philanthropy, and acquire skills for writing grant applications, creating concepts and business plans, which are all needed in the process of building a cooperation with business subjects and developing an individual donations in the form of campaign, benefit events and public collections.

Green and Community Social Work

USP/PAGRE

Credits: 3 ECTS

The course will focus on environmental problematics, including themes from environmental philosophy (such as environmental, ecological and eco-social justice, communitarian and multicultural theories), green social work (mainly Lena Dominelli's concepts critically concerned with consequences of neoliberal politics), and community social work (rural vs. urban way of co-living characteristics, ethnicity etc.).

