

Course title: Geopolitical macroregionalization	Course No: KSG/GEOPO	Semester: Winter
Course type: Lecture and Seminar	Hours/Week: 2	Number of credits: 6
Recommended for: Bachelor and Master level students		

Lecturer (Academics):

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Status of the course in the study program:

Voluntary in all programmes

Course description:

This course represents an introduction to the description of different projections of International system through the geographic method known as Regionalization. Regionalization delimitates world regions according to required criteria. The criteria for regionalization for this course will be chosen from the political sphere and the level of analysis is set at a macro level. The course is divided into three thematic blocs. The first bloc examines political regionalization of the world in a historical context – we will analyze different settings of International system from the beginning of the 15th century up to the present. In addition, an overview of geopolitical regions and important factors influencing the transformation of international systems will be proposed. The second bloc concentrates on regionalization through the institutionalized processes of organized cooperation of states at a global level while the third bloc delimitates world regions according to different institutionalized security structures.

Aims and objectives of the course:

The main aim of this course is to investigate the historical forms of the political division of the world. The perspective of this investigation is set to macro-level. And the fundamental concept we will use is the concept of International system. The main source for this course will be the book *International Systems in World History. Remaking the study of international relations.* (BUZAN, LITTLE. Oxford University Press, 2000).

The second aim of this course is to look on the main geopolitical factors that shape the current setting of the international system through a "map reading". We will use maps from recent published Atlas of International relations.

Teaching method:

Lecture and seminar

Prerequisite:

basic knowledge of world history

Teaching aids & literature:

BARRY, BUZAN, RICHARD LITTLE. *International Systems in World History. Remaking the Study of International Relations.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2000

NIEROP, T. *Systems and Regions in Global Politics: An Empirical Study of*

Diplomacy, International Organization and Trade 1950-1991. John Wiley & Sons Inc. 1995

WAISOVÁ Š. a kol. *Atlas Mezinárodních vztahů. Prostor a politika po skočení studené války.* Plzeň: Aleš Čeněk, 2007

Examination method:

combination of presentation, attendance and oral exam

Requirements for examination:

To successfully pass this course you will need to fulfil these requirements:

1. 100 % attendance (if you miss a lecture or a seminar you have to replace it by a written test verifying your knowledge of discussed theme)
2. Two PowerPoint presentations - the first one from selected chapter of recommended book and the second one commenting selected map from the Atlas of international relations

3. Active participation on the course - that means active reading of assigned texts and working with other students in teams.

Registration for examination:

Electronic registration