

Course title: Selected approaches to Political Geography	Course No: KSG/NPVP	Semester: winter
Course type: Independent supervised study	Hours/Week: 2	Number of credits: 4
Recommended for: Master level students		

Lecturer (Academics):

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Status of the course in the study program:

Compulsory in the programme of Political and cultural geography, voluntary in the programme of Geography and regional development

Course description:

The course is to introduce students into the up-to-date trends of political geography and political science. In the course students will discuss selected topics on recent political geography, critical perspectives on globalization, critical geo-politics, hegemony, Islamism and Islamic neo-fundamentalism, theories of space and place, theories of democracy, transition to democracy and conflict resolution in post-modern world. Students will be asked to go through the compulsory reading, elaborate structured paper of comments on text and discuss the topic in group or with a teacher.

Aims and objectives of the course:

To discuss theoretical problems.

To get advance knowledge about recent developments in the field of political geography.

To be able to moderate discussion and present selected topic.

To formulate basic research project.

Teaching method:

seminar, discussion groups

Prerequisite:

stronger background in political geography, international relations, political science

Teaching aids & literature:

AGNEW, J. (2002) *Making Political Geography*. London: Arnold.

AGNEW, J. (2005) *Hegemony. The Shape of Global Power*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

BUZAN, B., WEAVER, O. (2004) *Regions and Powers: The Structure of International Security*. Cambridge: Cambridge University.

COPPIETERS, B. (ed.) (1996) *Contested Borders in the Caucasus*. Bruxelles: VUB University Press.

CORNELL, S. E. (2000) *Small Nations and Great Power: A study of Ethnopolitical Conflict in the Caucasus*. Richmond: Curzon Press.

DAHL, R. (2000) *On Democracy*. Yale University Press.

DALBY, S. (2002) *Environmental Security*. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press

DODDS, K. (2005) *Global Geopolitics. A Critical Introduction*. Harlow: Pearson Prentice Hall

HAMPSON, F. O., MALONE D. M. (eds.) (2002) *From Reaction to Prevention: Opportunities for the UN System*. Boulder, Co.: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

HARF, J. E., LOMBARDI, M. O. (2008) *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Global Issues*. 5th edition. McGraw-Hill/Dushkin.

HELD, D. (et al) (1999) *Global transformations*. Oxford: Polity.

KALDOR, M. (2007) *New and Old Wars: Organized Violence in a Global Era*. 2nd edition. Stanford University Press.

Ó TUATHAIL, G., DALBY, S., ROUTLEDGE, P. (2006) *Geopolitics Reader*. London: Routledge.

SHAPIRO, I. (2005) *The State of Democratic Theory*. Princeton University Press.

STOKER, G. (2006) *Why Politics Matters. Making Democracy Work*. Houndsmille and New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

WALLENSTEEN, P. (2002) *Understanding Conflict Resolution. War, Peace and the Global System*. London, UK, Thousand Oaks, CA, New Delhi, India: SAGE Publications

Examination method:

participation in discussion and written test

Requirements for examination:

Attendance 15 %, Activity in lessons - discussion 45 % , write a research project: 40 %

You can expect grades according to the following scale:

85% and more	1 (A)
66% - 84%	2 (B, C)
50% - 65%	3 (D)
64% and less	4 (F)

Registration for examination: electronic registration