

**Information sheet for the course
Current World Politics**

University: <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
Faculty/Department: <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
Course unit code: <i>PLTPV 21</i>	Course unit title: <i>Current World Politics</i>
Type of course unit: <i>compulsorily optional</i>	
Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods: <i>Seminar: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face (classroom mode)</i>	
Number of credits: 3	
Recommended semester: <i>6th semester in the 3rd year (full-time)</i> <i>8th semester in the 4th year (part-time)</i>	
Degree of study: <i>I. (Bachelor's)</i>	
Course prerequisites: <i>none</i>	
Assessment methods: <i>include evaluation of activities below:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Term paper writing project (5-8 pages) 30%</i> <i>2. Active participation 20% (attendance, class activities, consultation)</i> <i>3. Presentation 20%</i> <i>3. Test 30%</i> <i>Passing grade: 60% and above.</i>	
Learning outcomes of the course unit: <i>Students are equipped with the capacity to critically examine issues of world politics. They are able to demonstrate mastery of the main theoretical and analytical approaches to the study of world politics. By the end of the course they would be able to employ their capacity of interpreting specific historical and contemporary problems using appropriate theoretical arguments and methods of analysis acquired during the process of learning.</i>	
Course contents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. World Politics and Great Powers: Theoretical and conceptual specifications</i> <i>2. Great powers in IR Theories: The balance of power</i> <i>3. The end of the Cold War and the Unipolar Moment</i> <i>4. The American discourse of world politics and “Europe” as a great power</i> <i>5. Global Powers and traditional security threat: Non-proliferation</i> <i>6. Political Reform and the Politics of Democracy Promotion</i> <i>7. Strategies of the US and EU in light of Iran's and North Korea Nuke ambition</i> <i>8. Great powers and new security threats: Climate change</i> <i>9. World politics, Great powers and regions (Middle East, Africa, Asia)</i> <i>10. “The End of History” and “The Democratic Peace Theory” in World politics</i> <i>11. Globalization and “the Clash of civilizations” in world politics</i> <i>12. Political theory and world politics: Empire and justice</i> <i>13. The future of world politics: order, reason of state, conflicts and foreign policy</i> 	
Recommended of required reading: <i>David Kinsella, Bruce Russett, and Harvey Starr, World Politics: The Menu for Choice, tenth edition (Wadsworth, 2013)</i> <i>Fukuyama, Francis. (2014). Political Order and Political Decay: From the Industrial Revolution</i>	

to the Globalization of Democracy, Profile, RRP£25/ Farrar, Straus and Giroux, RRP\$35, 672 pages

Galbraith, J.K. (2014). The End of Normal. The Great Crisis and the End of Growth. Simon & Schuster. 304

Baylis, J. - Smith, S. (eds.) (199). The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Piketty, Thomas. (2014). Capital in the 21st Century. Harvard college, 685 pages. Robert Kagan, The World America Made (Knopf, 2012) Stephen S. Cohen and J. Bradford DeLong, The End of Influence: What Happens When Other Countries Have the Money (Basic, 2010)

Barry Buzan (2004):The United States and the Great Powers – World Politics in theTwenty-First Century (Cambridge: Polity).

John J. Mearsheimer (2001):The Tragedy of Great Power Politics (New York: W.W. Norton & Company).

E-materials relevant to the course would be utilized.

Language: *Slovak, English*

Remarks: *The course is provided only in the case it is chosen by at least 16 students.*

Evaluation history:

A	B	C	D	E	FX
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Lectures: *Mgr. Getnet Tamene, PhD.*

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