

Information sheet for the course
History of Political Thought III (theories of 19th and 20th century)

University: <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
Faculty: <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
Course unit code: <i>PLTP11</i>	Course unit title: <i>History of Social and Political Thought III (Theories of 19th and 20th Century)</i>
Type of course unit: <i>compulsory</i>	
Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods: <i>Lecture: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i> <i>Seminar: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i>	
Number of credits: <i>5</i>	
Recommended semester: <i>the 3rd semester in the 2nd year (full-time)</i> <i>the 3rd semester in the 2nd year (part-time)</i>	
Degree of study: <i>I. (Bachelor's)</i>	
Course prerequisites: <i>PLTP3- History of Social and Political Thought I, PLTP8- History of Social and Political Thought II</i>	
Assessment methods: <i>Active participation in seminars: 40 %. Written exam: 60 %.</i> <i>Final oral exam 100%</i>	
Learning outcomes of the course unit: <i>Students have broadened knowledge of key concepts of political thought of 19th and 20th century. They are able to analyse the work of studied authors in historical context and to identify the causes of their ideological positions.</i>	
Course contents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Sociology of Politics (M. Weber).</i> <i>2. Elite Theory, Critique of Democracy – Elitism (G. Mosca, W. Pareto, R. Michels.)</i> <i>3. Totalitarianism. Causes of Totalitarianism. Critique of Totalitarianism as a Theoretical Basis for Democratic Ideologies. Causes of Totalitarianism According to H. Arendt. Defense of Freedom and Democracy - Critique of Totalitarianism According to R. Aron.</i> <i>4. Totalitarianism, Authoritarianism and Solidarism (K. Friedrich, C. Schmitt).</i> <i>5. An Economic Theory of Democracy (J. A. Schumpeter, A. Downs).</i> <i>6. Liberalism of the 20th Century (F. A. Hayek, K. Popper).</i> <i>7. Political Thought of the Second Half of the 20th Century. New Theories of Social Contract (J. Rawls, R. Nozick, R. Dahl).</i> <i>8. Liberal Democracy in the Start of the 21st Century (F. Fukuyama).</i> <i>9. Samuel Huntington – Waves of Democratization.</i> <i>10. Theory of Political System (D. Easton).</i> <i>11. Social and Political Conditions for the Existence of Democracy (Rokkan, Lipset).</i> <i>12. Behavioralism. Structural-Functional Analysis (Almond).</i> <i>13. Consociational Democracy (Lijphart).</i> 	
Recommended of required reading: <i>ARENDT, H : Původ totalitarismu. Praha : Oikoymenth, 1996.</i> <i>ARON, R.: Demokracie a totalitarismus. Brno : Atlantis. 1993.</i> <i>DAHL, R.: Demokracie a její kritici. Praha : Victoria Publishing, 1995.</i> <i>HARRINGTON, A.: Moderní sociální teorie. Praha : Portál, 2006.</i> <i>HAYEK, F. A.: Cesta do nevolnictva, Bratislava : Nadácia F. A. Hayeka, 2001.</i> <i>HEYWOOD, A.: Politické ideologie. Praha : Eurolex Bohemia, 2005.</i> <i>KIS, J.: Současná politická filosofie. Praha : Oikoymenth, 1997.</i> <i>KRSKOVÁ, A.: Kapitoly z dejín politického a právneho myslenia. Bratislava. 1997.</i>	

KULAŠIK, P.: Dejiny politických teórií. UMB, Banská Bystrica : Vydavateľské oddelenie Právnickej fakulty UK, 2000.

POPPER, K.: Otvorená spoločnosť a její nepřátelé. Praha : Institut pro středočeskou kulturu a politiku, 1994.

RAWLS, J.: Spravodlivosť ako férovosť. Bratislava : Kalligram, 2007.

ŘÍCHOVÁ, B.: Přehled moderních politologických teorií. Praha : Portál, 2000.

SCHUMPETER, J. A.: Kapitalismus, socialismus a demokracie. Brno: CDK, 2004.

WEBER, M.: Metodologie, sociologie a politika. Praha : Oikoymenh, 1998.

Language: Slovak, English

Remarks: *The subject is compulsorily for all the students. Seminar group consists of 20-25 students.*

Evaluation history:

Total number of evaluated students: 302

A	B	C	D	E	FX
26,16	31,46	23,84	8,28	3,64	6,62

Lecturers: *doc. PhDr. Oľga Bočáková, PhD. – lectures*

PaedDr. Alena Tomášiková, PhD. – seminars

Mgr. Stanislava Garajová – seminars

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