

**Information sheet for the course**  
**Politics of Central and East European Countries**

<b>University:</b> <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
<b>Faculty:</b> <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
<b>Course unit code:</b> <i>PLTP26</i>	<b>Course unit title:</b> <i>Politics of Central and East European Countries</i>
<b>Type of course unit:</b> <i>compulsory</i>	
<b>Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods:</b> <i>Lecture: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i> <i>Seminar: 1 hour weekly/13 hours per semester of study; face to face</i>	
<b>Number of credits:</b> <i>4</i>	
<b>Recommended semester:</b> <i>the 5<sup>th</sup> semester in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year (full-time)</i> <i>the 7<sup>th</sup> semester in the 4<sup>th</sup> year (part-time)</i>	
<b>Degree of study:</b> <i>I. (bachelor)</i>	
<b>Course prerequisites:</b> <i>none</i>	
<b>Assessment methods:</b> <i>Writing and handing in an assigned seminar work in a good quality, its presentation and subsequent participation in written exam. Credits are given only in case student meets all three criteria. If the student wants to improve his/her assessment after written exam, he/she can ask guarantor of the subject to be examined orally.</i>	
<b>Learning outcomes of the course unit:</b> <i>By completing the course student has a complex system of knowledge about the political and social development in Central and East European countries from the end of the WW2 to present and about the dissolution of compound states with emphasis on Czech and Slovak Federative Republic. Student <b>has</b> also <b>knowledge</b> about the political system in individual states and about its integration to European and Euro-Atlantic structures. The accent is put on characteristics, content and consequences of political changes, realized after year 1989 in individual states and in the whole region of Central and East Europe, too. On the basis of acquired knowledge student is <b>able</b> at the appropriate level to <b>understand, analyse and evaluate</b> different political moves in this region and its states as well as their consequences on the further development in the region.</i>	
<b>Course contents:</b> <i>1. Introduction to the issue.</i> <i>2. Efforts to democratize socialist countries of Central and East Europe after the WW2 (by 1989)</i> <i>3. Complex socio-political changes, democratization, integration and disintegration of states of the region after 1989 – part 1.</i> <i>4. Complex socio-political changes, democratization, integration and disintegration of states of the region after 1989 – part 2.</i> <i>5. Social, political and economic transformation in Czechoslovakia (1989-1992).</i> <i>6. Dissolution of Czechoslovakia (1992).</i> <i>7. Visegrad group V4 (Czech republic, Slovak republic, Poland, Hungary).</i> <i>8. Political systems of Visegrad group countries.</i> <i>9. Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA).</i> <i>10. Central European Initiative (CEI).</i> <i>11. Integration of transforming states of Central and East Europe into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).</i> <i>12. Integration of states of Central and East Europe into the EU (and EMU).</i> <i>13. General characteristics of constitutions adopted by states of Central and East Europe after 1989.</i>	
<b>Recommended of required reading:</b> <i>FIALA, P. – PITROVÁ, M.: Evropská unie. Brno : Centrum pro studium demokracie a kultury,</i>	

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OROSZ, L.: *Ústavy štátov strednej a východnej Európy (Pokus o všeobecnú charakteristiku)*. In: *Právnik* č. 11/2009. Praha: Ústav štátu a práva AV ČR. s. 1148-1157.

PYTLIK, B.: *Výkonná moc na Litvė, v Lotašsku a Estonsku*. In: *Politologický časopis* č. 1/2002. Brno : MPÚ, 2002. s. 122-127.

ŠEBESTA, Š: *Spolupráca krajín strednej a východnej Európy v podmienkach transformácie spoločenského systému*. In: *Právny obzor* č. 2/1992. Bratislava : Ústav štátu a práva SAV, 1992. s. 105-119.

**Language:** Slovak or Czech language

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

**Evaluation history:**

*It is a new subject in the study program*

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