

Information sheet for the course
Comparative Politics: Transatlantic Relations and Regions beyond

University: <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
Faculty/Department: <i>Political Science and Global Studies</i>	
Course unit code: <i>PLTV15</i>	Course unit title: <i>Comparative Politics: Transatlantic Relations and Regions beyond</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: <i>3</i>	
Recommended semester: <i>4th semester in the 2nd year (full-time)</i> <i>4th semester in the 2nd year (part-time)</i>	
Degree of study: <i>Master'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>Upon successful completion of the course, students would be familiar with the politics of the enlarged transatlantic region as well as with the politics of the major regions beyond the transatlantic region. They would be able to evaluate major issues of global politics in relation with the political and economic behaviors of the actors in the regions that would be covered. They have the capacity that would enable them to come up with suggests and proposals that are helpful to solve some issues of global politics in relation with the transatlantic and other regions.</i>	
Course contents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Introductory note to issues of regional and global politics (globalization, natural resources, conflict)</i> <i>2. The transatlantic region and political developments</i> <i>3. The enlarged transatlantic region and its political progress</i> <i>4. Regions beyond the transatlantic region in light of global or world politics</i> <i>5. Political orders and systems comparison of the regions</i> <i>6. Levels of analysis (municipal, regional, international, world/ global) politics and processes.</i> <i>7. Liberal democratic practice and region in the context of contemporary world politics</i> <i>8. Illiberal democratic practice and regions in the context of contemporary world politics</i> <i>9. The quest of deliberation: the transatlantic politics versus the world beyond it.</i> <i>10. The future of transatlantic trend and its relevance to the world beyond it.</i> <i>11. Major Threats to the global order and Political Systems in the 21st century</i> <i>12. The hegemonic stability theory and the Decades Ahead--End of the Transatlantic Trend?</i> <i>13. Conclusions</i> 	
Recommended of required reading: <i>Fukuyama, Francis. (2014). Political Order and Political Decay: From the Industrial Revolution to the Globalization of Democracy, Profile, RRP£25/ Farrar, Straus and Giroux, RRP\$35, 672 pages</i> <i>Galbraith, J.K. (2014). The End of Normal. The Great Crisis and the End of Growth. Simon & Schuster. 304</i>	

Baylis, J. - Smith, S. (eds.) (199). The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
Tamene, Getnet, et al. (2010). Studies in Contemporary International Relations and Politics: New Europe and Beyond. Opladen Germany and Farmington Hill USA. Budrich UniPress Ltd.
Piketty, Thomas. (2014). Capital in the 21st Century. Harvard college, 685 pages.
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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