

**Information sheet for the course**  
**Contemporary Political Thoughts III (Current International Relations Theories)**

<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>PLTP10</i>	<b>Course unit title:</b> <i>Contemporary Political Thoughts III (Current International Relations Theories)</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: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i>	
<b>Number of credits:</b> <i>5</i>	
<b>Recommended semester:</b> <i>the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year (full-time)</i> <i>the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year (part-time)</i>	
<b>Degree of study:</b> <i>II. (Master's)</i>	
<b>Course prerequisites:</b> <i>none</i>	
<b>Assessment methods:</b> <i>Written form of an examination;</i> <i>A: 40-36 points, B: 35-32 p, C: 31-28p, D: 27-24p, E: 23-21p, FX: 20p and less.</i>	
<b>Learning outcomes of the course unit:</b> <i>A student is acquainted with some theoretical categories and conceptions discussed in the contemporary theory of international relations with emphasis on the period after the WW II. The content of the course is in harmony with the profile of a graduate.</i>	
<b>Course contents:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Introduction to the course issue</i></li> <li><i>2. Predecessors of international relations theories</i></li> <li><i>3. Political realism</i></li> <li><i>4. Political idealism</i></li> <li><i>5. Behaviorism</i></li> <li><i>6. Critical theories</i></li> <li><i>7. Neorealism and neoliberalism</i></li> <li><i>8. Great debates in international relations</i></li> <li><i>9. Positivism and post-positivism</i></li> <li><i>10. Constructivism</i></li> <li><i>11. Geopolitics – conception of the 20<sup>m</sup> century</i></li> <li><i>12. Contemporary geopolitical thought</i></li> <li><i>13. Theoretical approach to analysis of international relations in the Slovak scene</i></li> </ol>	
<b>Recommended of required reading:</b> <i>DRULÁK, P.: Teorie mezinárodních vztahů. Praha : Portál, 2008.</i> <i>DRULÁK, P. – KRATOCHVÍL, P. (eds.): Encyklopedie mezinárodních vztahu. Praha : Portál, 2009.</i> <i>KNUTSEN, L. T.: Dějiny teorie mezinárodních vztahů. Brno : CSS, 2005.</i> <i>KREJČÍ, O.: Mezinárodní politika., Praha : Ekopress, 2007.</i> <i>NEUMAN, I. B.-WAEVER, O.: Budoucnost mezinárodních vztahů., Brno : CSS, 2005.</i>	
<b>Language:</b> <i>English, Slovak</i>	

**Remarks:** *The course is compulsory for all the students.*

**Evaluation history:**

A	B	C	D	E	FX
21,62	16,22	32,43	8,11	21,62	0

**Lecturers:** *Ass. Prof. Jaroslav Halomek, PhD., PhDr. Rudolf Kucharčík, PhD.*

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