

Information sheet for the course Ethnic Conflicts

University: <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
Faculty/Department: <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
Course unit code: <i>PLTPV3</i>	Course unit title: <i>Ethnic Conflicts</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>1st semester in the 1st year (full-time)</i> <i>1st semester in the 1st year (part-time)</i>	
Degree of study: <i>II. (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>At the end of the course, students are equipped with theoretical and conceptual capacity enabling them to address ethnic conflict. They are able to explain factors that trigger conflict such as economic and cultural competition as well as fear and insecurity. So, too, are able to explain the use of history, stigma and the psychology of group conflict. They are able to describe the connections between identity construction and violent ethnic conflict. Also, they are able to explain types of ethnic violence such as war, riots, and genocide, and the mechanisms and processes implicated in such violence. They are able to argue about, or address, the dilemmas of democratic transitions with respect to ethnic conflict and various means helpful for conflict management efforts.</i>	
Course contents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Introduction to ethnic conflicts, defining concepts of ethnicity, nationhood, nationalism</i> <i>2. Origins, spread and modernity of nations, ethnic groups, and nationalism</i> <i>3. Identity Shaping: History, Context and Choice</i> <i>4. Theory and Analysis of Ethnic Group Conflict</i> <i>5. Framing Ethnic Conflict: Globalization and economic rivalry, struggle for resources</i> <i>6. Globalization and Culturally Motivated Violence (language and religion included)</i> <i>7. Forced Migration and refugees, fear and insecurity as components of ethnic conflict</i> <i>8. Framing ethnic conflict in light of history, stigma, and the psychology of group conflict</i> <i>9. Dilemmas of democratic transition with regard to conflict studies</i> <i>10. Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism</i> <i>11. Ethnic violence—war, Riots, Genocide</i> <i>12. Ending Ethnic Civil Wars a pathway to Stability: State Building and Institutions</i> <i>10. Institutional Design and Mechanisms of Conflict Management as routes to Stability</i> 	
Recommended of required reading: <i>Connor, Walker, "A Nation is a Nation, is a State, is an Ethnic Group is a ...," Ethnic and Racial Studies vol. 1 (October 1978), pp. 377-400.</i> <i>Anderson, Benedict, Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origins and Spread of</i>	

Nationalism, London: Verso (new edition), 2006, Chapters 1-3, pp. 1-46, Chapter 10, pp. 163-185.

Brubaker, Rogers, *Ethnicity Without Groups*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2004, Chapter 4, "Ethnic and Nationalist Violence," pp. 88-115.

Cordell, Karl and Wolff, Stefan, *Ethnic Conflict*, Cambridge, U.K.: Polity Press, 2009, Chapters 1-4, pp. 1-76.

Appadurai, Arjun, *Fear of Small Numbers: An Essay on the Geography of Anger*, Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2006.

Zolberg, Aristide R. and Benda, Peter, M., eds., *Global Migrants Global Migrants and Global Refugees: Problems and Solutions*, New York: Berghahn Books, 2001, Chapter 3, Susanne Schmeidl, "Conflict and Forced Migration: A Quantitative Review, 1964- 1995," pp. 62-94.

Benhabib, Seyla, *The Rights of Others: Aliens, Residents and Citizens*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004, Chapters 4-5 and Conclusion, pp. 129-221.

Juergensmeyer, Mark, *Global Rebellion: Religious Challenges to the Secular State, from Christian Militias to al Qaeda*, Berkeley: University of California Press, 2008, Introduction and Chapters 1, 2, 5, Conclusion.

Snyder, Jack, *From Voting to Violence: Democratization and Nationalist Conflict*, NY: W.W. Norton, 2000, Chapters 1 and 2, pp. 15-91.

Posner, Daniel N., *Institutions and Ethnic Politics in Africa*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006, General Introduction and Introduction to Part 1, pp. 1-25.

Petersen, Roger, *Understanding Ethnic Violence: Fear, Hatred, and Resentment in Twentieth-Century Eastern Europe*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002, chapters 1-4, pp. 1-84, Chapter 11, pp. 254-271.

Cruz, Consuelo, "Identity and Persuasion: How Nations Remember Their Pasts and Make Their Futures," *World Politics*, vol. 52, no. 3 (April 2000), pp. 275-312.

Beissinger, Mark R., "A New Look at Ethnicity and Democratization," *Journal of Democracy*, vol. 19, no. 3 (July 2008), pp. 85-97.

Kaufman, Stuart J., *Modern Hatreds: The Symbolic Politics of Ethnic War*, Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2001, Chapters 1 and 2, pp. 1-47.

Horowitz, Donald L., *The Deadly Ethnic Riot*, Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001, pp. 1-70.

Mann, Michael, *The Dark Side of Democracy: Explaining Ethnic Cleansing*, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2005, Chapters 1-3, pp. 1-69.

Downes, Alexander, B., "The Problem with Negotiated Settlements to Ethnic Civil Wars," *Security Studies*, vol. 13, no. 4 (July 2004), pp. 230-279.

Hale, Henry E. "The Makeup and Breakup of Ethno federal States: Why Russia Survives Where the USSR Fell," *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 3, no. 1 (March 2005), pp. 55-70.

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:

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