

## Information sheet for the course Political Radicalism

<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>PLTPV14</i>	<b>Course unit title:</b> <i>Political Radicalism</i>
<b>Type of course unit:</b> <i>compulsorily optional</i>	
<b>Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods:</b>	
<i>Lecture: none</i>	
<i>Seminar: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i>	
<b>Number of credits:</b> <i>3</i>	
<b>Recommended semester:</b> <i>the 4<sup>th</sup> semester in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year (full-time)</i> <i>the 6<sup>th</sup> semester in the 3<sup>rd</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>Assessment within the course is continuous. A student takes part in single seminars, actively joins the work during seminars and fulfills possible domestic missions (50 % of total assessment). At the end of the semester, he will hand over his essay assigned by the lecturer on the basis of the agreement with students (50 % of total assessment).</i>	
<i>Assessments: "A" – 100-93 points; "B" – 92-84 p; "C" – 83-75 p; "D" – 74-65 p; "E" – 64-56 p; "FX" – 55 p and less.</i>	
<b>Learning outcomes of the course unit:</b>	
<i>The aim of the course is to <b>acquaint</b> students with political radicalism and to give them fundamental information on right-wing, left-wing or religious radicalism in their determining versions. The secondary goal is to interconnect a theory with political practice and to improve in the analyzing of situations in the Slovak Republic from the point of view of political radicalism and extremism. By completing the course a <b>student</b> learnt expert political terminology in the sphere of political radicalism and extremism.</i>	
<b>Course contents:</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Introduction to the course issue</i></li> <li><i>2. Fundamental concepts (radicalism vs. extremism)</i></li> <li><i>3. Theoretical and methodological notes to the extremism problem</i></li> <li><i>4. Right-wing extremism (Nazism, fascism)</i></li> <li><i>5. Right-wing extremism (neo-Nazism, neo-fascism)</i></li> <li><i>6. Left-wing extremism (communism, anarchism)</i></li> <li><i>7. Left-wing extremism on the present</i></li> <li><i>8. Religious extremism</i></li> <li><i>9. Modern tendencies in extremism</i></li> <li><i>10. Verbal and non-verbal manifestations of extremists</i></li> <li><i>11. Document on the extreme Right in the USA</i></li> <li><i>12. Extremism in the Slovak Republic</i></li> <li><i>13. Evaluating the course</i></li> </ol>	
<b>Recommended of required reading:</b>	

EATWELL, R. - MUDDE, C.: *Western democracies and the new extreme right challenge*. New York and London: Routledge. 2004. ISBN 0-203-40869-1 (Adobe eReader Format).

HEYWOOD, A.: *Political Ideologies: An Introduction*, London: Macmillan Press. 1992.

IGNAZI, P.: *Extreme Right Parties in Western Europe*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003.

MAREŠ, M.: *Pravicový extremismus a radikalismus v ČR*. Brno: Barrister & Principal, 2003.

MINKENBERG, M.: *The Radical Right in Postsocialist Central and Eastern Europe: Comparative Observations and Interpretations*. In: *East European Politics and Societies*, Vol. XVI, No. 2, pp. 335-362.

MUDDE, C.: *The Ideology of Extreme Right*. Manchester: Manchester University Press. 2000.

MUDDE, C.: *Racist Extremism in Central and Eastern Europe*. In: *East European Politics and Societies*, Vol. 19, No. 161.

MUDDE, C.: *Populist Radical Right Parties in Europe*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007.

SARTORI, G.: *Parties and Party Systems: A Framework for Analysis*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1976.

**Language:** *English, Slovak*

**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
0	0	0	0	0	0

**Lecturers:** *PhDr. Peter Csányi, PhD.*

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