

**COURSES IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES for ERASMUS INCOMING STUDENTS**

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**FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY**

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**Programme:** Political Science

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U313	CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY	English	BA	Winter Semester	5	30			Assistant Prof. Ruzha Smilova	<a href="mailto:rsmilova@phls.uni-sofia.bg">rsmilova@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>

**Short description of the course**

The aim of this course is to familiarize students in political science with the main currents within the rapidly developing field of political philosophy in the Anglo-Saxon analytic tradition. The advantages of this style of conceptualizing political problems are: conceptual clarity and rigor combined with acute sensitivity to current political practice (examples from everyday politics are the starting point and the constant point of reference for many of the presented theories), accessible style of theorizing, and, not least, a critical dialogue with the main traditions of political thought.

The course builds upon the series of comprehensive courses on the history of political ideas, offered in the Political Science department of Sofia University. However, background in history of political ideas is not a prerequisite for taking this course, since there will be a comprehensive introduction of each of the topics covered. The course does bring new light on the traditional debates, by focusing on topics, concepts and debates, some of which originally re-conceptualize traditional theoretical problems (the duty to obey the law, distributive justice, political authority, the equality-liberty nexus), while others (multiculturalism, some forms of egalitarianism, feminist theory) are altogether unique to the contemporary development of the field.

**Requirements for enrollment:** NO

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I318	INTERCULTURAL MEDIATION	English	BA	Winter Semester	5	15	15		Prof. Tatyana Dronzina	

**Short description of the course**

The main purpose of this course is to contribute to the improvement of the conflict resolution and especially mediation skills. It is concentrated on the features of the mediation process carried out between parties to the conflict having different cultural background.

The course is based on interactive methods as simulation games, case studies, role playing, implementation of multimedia, etc.

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3013	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND US FOREIGN POLICY	English	BA	Winter Semester	5	30			Assistant Prof. Iskren Ivanov	

**Short description of the course**

The main objective of the course is to analyze the process and content of US Foreign Policy. The course is divided into three main modules. The first one examines the theoretical framework of US Foreign Policy. It is intended to familiarize you with the specific ideas, on which the American political process is based. The second one examines the historical development of US Foreign Policy. It aims to analyze the American foreign policy doctrines.

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3011	SECURITY ISSUES	English	MA	Winter Semester	5	30			Assistant Prof. Boris Kostov	

**Short description of the course**

The goal is to introduce students to the main theoretical concepts and practical policy issues in contemporary Security Studies. The course will review the traditional theoretical schools as well as the recent theoretical developments – Peace studies, Critical security studies, Human security, etc. The course will employ a broader definition of security, with an emphasis on the economic, environmental, social and cultural dimensions of security. The different levels of analysis will be introduced with an emphasis on the Regional security complexes. The course will include a part devoted to the „New security threats” – it will comprise of topics such as: technology and security, international terrorism, WMD proliferation, trans-national crime etc. A brief introduction and practical exercises in Political risk analysis will be included.

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I324	INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY	English	BA	Summer semester	5	30			Prof. Alexander Tomov	

**Short description of the course**

The course "International political economy " is intended for students who specialize in the field of international relations. It covers the following topics: the structure of the world economy in a globalized world; international financial organizations; international investment banks; global stock and commodity exchanges; multinational companies; major world currencies and the "war " between them. Students will be introduced to analytical approaches for solving complex issues of international policy, related to economic decisions: price and currency wars ; regional and local crises, etc.

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3025	BULGARIAN PARTY SYSTEM	English	BA	Summer semester	5	30			Prof. Georgi Karasimeonov	

**Short description of the course**

This course aims to introduce to students the emergence and evolution of the Bulgarian party system after 1989, the stages of development of the party system in the country and the factors that structure it. The emphasis is on Party organizations, party programs, electoral competition. The course will examine the reasons for the weak institutionalization of political parties and party system in Bulgaria. This will be discussed in the broader context of the crisis of representative functions of parties and strengthening of populism in Bulgaria.

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И323	NON-PUBLIC POLITICS	English	BA	Summer semester	5	30			Prof. Nikolay Naydenov	<a href="mailto:nayden@phs.uni-sofia.bg">nayden@phs.uni-sofia.bg</a>

**Short description of the course**

Non-public politics analyses the drawbacks of the public nature of politics. This problem includes both (i) political actions and decisions which remain invisible for the general public and (ii) conspicuous political actions stimulated by secret political motives. Therefore, hidden political goals could be achieved through public mobilization of politicians, parties, institutions and even large groups of citizens. This approach is not concerned with conspiracy in politics but with the societal conditions that make possible political conspiracy such as the fundamental contradiction between the public and the private in politics.

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3015	ANTHROPOLOGY OF PUBLIC SPACE	English	BA	Summer semester	5	30			Prof. Nikolay Naydenov	<a href="mailto:nayden@phls.uni-sofia.bg">nayden@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>

**Short description of the course**

This course consists of two parts. The first one presents some epistemological problems of political anthropology, its main approaches, and topics. The second one offers an original anthropological approach to the politics of Modernity. It asks three fundamental questions: Which relations are public? How these relations transform into political ones? Which is the role of citizens' publics in this process? In answering these questions, this course substantiates that both public sphere and political institutions are rooted in the opinion exchange between strangers. The latter engender the nucleus of all political roles and hence, politics is treated as the quintessence of the public.

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И326	POLITICAL PARTICIPATION	English	BA	Summer semester	5	30			Assistant prof. Dimitar Dimitrov	<a href="mailto:dimitur@phls.uni-sofia.bg">dimitur@phls.uni-sofia.bg</a>

**Short description of the course**

The course includes introduction into modern election systems and the practice and standards of administrating elections. The regional dimensions of election systems and practice are specified by comparative analysis of South-East European states.

The recent history of Bulgarian competitive elections since 1990 is followed. A particular attention is paid to two specific features: /1/ the learning effects for elites and voters; /2/ stability of election rules applied.

The dynamic of the structure of voters' preferences is analyzed in terms of classic social cleavages approach versus less static short-term attachments.

Bulgarian party system transformation is discussed in terms of adaptation of elite strategies to rapidly changing preferences.

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	<b>RELIGION,POLITICS AND SECURITY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS</b>	English	BA	Summer semester	5	30			Assistant Prof. Iskren Ivanov	

**Short description of the course**

This course analyses the connection between religion, politics and security. It has three main goals. First of all, the course interprets the connection by describing several case studies - France, U.K., Greece, Turkey, India, etc. Second, the course emphasizes on most of the world's religions by analyzing their connection with the political system and the security doctrines of states, where such religions dominate. Third, the course also analyzes some of the most dangerous cults and sects, which have influence on the international political life and security system today. The course is based on empirical researches in fields such as radicalization, terrorism prevention, religious politics, etc.

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<b>H314</b>	<b>TRENDS IN FEMALE SUICIDE TERRORISM</b>	English	MA	Summer Semester	5	30			Prof. Tatyana Dronzina	

**Short description of the course**

This course studies terrorism as one of the major new security challenges. The suicide terrorism is viewed not just as a means to achieve specific political goals, but also as an efficient tool to prevail in the consolidation of political loyalty. The course will concentrate on the gender aspects of this phenomenon and will study the motivation for such acts at societal, organizational and individual level. Different interpretative frameworks will be applied, including the Rational choice theory, theories of social identification, etc.

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I317	Economic Methods of Analysis in International Relations	English	MA	Summer Semester	5	30			Assistant Prof. Ruzha Smilova	<a href="mailto:rsmilova@phs.uni-sofia.bg">rsmilova@phs.uni-sofia.bg</a>

**Short description of the course**

This course is an introduction to rational choice theory and its application as a method for analyzing political behavior, and for explaining political phenomena and processes more generally. It is intended for advanced, MA level students in political science. It offers an in-depth analysis of such already covered in their prior studies areas of politics as theory of the state, power and constitutional politics, political parties' and voters' behavior, conflict resolution, party competition, the characteristic features of bureaucracies and hierarchies, of fiscal and re-distributive policies, etc., which utilizes formal assumptions about political actors as rational utility-maximizers, and based on these assumptions builds explanatory models.

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	ANATOMY OF CORRUPTION	English	MA	Summer Semester	5	30			Prof. Nikolay Naydenov	<a href="mailto:nayden@phs.uni-sofia.bg">nayden@phs.uni-sofia.bg</a>

**Short description of the course**

This course analyses the nature, factors, mechanisms, consequences, prevention, and combating of corruption. The social roots and the contradictory nature of corruption are the main emphases in interpreting corruption. Special attention is given to the (post)totalitarian and the Mediterranean traditions in corruptive practices. The main goals of the course are (i) to throw light on the complex ways in which corruption pervades contemporary society, (ii) to dispel common illusions about corruption, and (iii) to systematize the main structural and practical obstacles for preventing and tackling corruption.

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