

Subject	<b>Comparative Public Policy in the Balkans : Ethnicity, Conflict and Integration</b>			
	Type	Semester	ECTS	Code
	Obligatory	II	5	
<b>Course Lecturer</b>				
<b>Aims and Objectives</b>	<p><i>Within the framework of lectures, exercises, and specific commitments of students in certain study activities, it can be expected that, starting from the lecture cycle of this course, they will acquire both theoretical and practical proficiency in reference to public policies in the Balkan countries. The course will focus on the structure and functions of public bureaucracy and composition based on ethnicity, conflicts from the past and present, as well as the integration of this region, whether in regional initiatives or in the context of European integration, with a special emphasis on Kosovo.</i></p> <p>The course will be structured in the following way with the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the history and development of public policies in a comparative aspect.</li> <li>• Present the key concepts of Balkan countries in the field of public policies and administrative systems.</li> <li>• Present similarities and differences/disagreements/conflicts among Balkan countries.</li> <li>• Examine the challenges of countries in the context of modern times, i.e., the integration of the peoples and countries of the Balkans.</li> </ul>			
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	<p>After taking the course, students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be able to understand and recognize the importance of comparing public policies.</li> <li>• Identify the similarities and differences/disagreements/conflicts among Balkan countries, specifically in comparison to Kosovo.</li> <li>• Be capable of providing assessments and ideas regarding current public policy systems, as well as offering suggestions for improvement.</li> <li>• Examine and analyze major public policies by comparing them in Balkan countries as well as in the EU.</li> <li>• Demonstrate in-depth knowledge and critical thinking about the challenges of public policies in the Balkans.</li> </ul>			
<b>Course Content</b>	<b>Course Plan</b>			<b>Week</b>
	Syllabus introduction			1
	Bureaucracy and Balkans public policies Concepts on the transformation of public policy system			
	The past and history of Balkans countries Public policies of Kosovo and the neighbour countries			2
	Student presentations and Test I Variations and similarities			3
	Ethnic composition and conflicts in the Balkan countries			
	Case study- Kosovo and Serbia			
	Comparative aspects of public policies in the			5
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	<b>Regional integration and European integration of the Balkans/Copenhagen criteria</b>			11	
	<b>Student presentations and Test II</b>			12	
<b>Teaching/Learning Methods</b>	<b>Teaching/Learning Activity</b>			<b>Weight (%)</b>	
	4. Lectures			15%	
	5. Discussions/Critique			15%	
	6. Policy memos (homework)			30%	
	7. Final essay			40%	
<b>Assessment Methods</b>	<b>Assessment Activity</b>		<b>Number</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Weight (%)</b>
	1. Attendance and participation		Regular	1-12	10%
	2. In-class presentation		1	3-12	20%
	3. Policy-memo		1	8	30%
	4. Final exam (essay)		1	13-14	40%
<b>Course resources</b>	<b>Resources</b>			<b>Number</b>	
	4. Literature			Multiple	
	5. Projector			1	
<b>ECTS Workload</b>	<b>Activity</b>		<b>Weekly hrs</b>	<b>Total workload</b>	
	4. Lectures and discussions		2	30	
	5. Method work		1	15	
	6. Homework, homework review and final essay		3-4	55	
	7. Homework and presentations		1-2	25	
<b>Literature/References</b>	Selected chapters from the following books:				
	1. Dodds, A (2018), <i>Comparative Public Policy</i> .				
	2. Baliqi, B. (2017) <i>Politikat Publike dhe Qeverisja</i> . Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.				
	3. Mirtezani, LL. & Halili, M. (2022). <i>Historical Background, Reforms of the Public Administration, and the European Integration of Kosovo</i> . Hrvatska i komparativna javna uprava. 22. 237-265. 10.31297/hkju.22.2.6..				
	4. Peters, B. Guy, <i>The Politics of Bureaucracy after 40 years</i> , <i>The British Journal of Politics and International Relations</i> 21, no. 3 (2019): 468-479.				
	5. Bajrami, A., (2010), <i>Parlamentarizmi</i> , Prishtinë.				
	6. John, P. (2013) <i>Analyzing public policy</i> . Routledge: New York.				
	7. Reka, B. Holl, O. Sela, Y, (2010) <i>Institucionet dhe Politikat e Unionit Evropian</i> .				
	Selected links:				
	European Commission: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm">http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm</a> -Progress reports Treaty of Lisbon: <a href="http://europa.eu/lisbon_treaty/index_en.htm">http://europa.eu/lisbon_treaty/index_en.htm</a> European Union online: <a href="http://europa.eu/index_en.htm">http://europa.eu/index_en.htm</a> European Parliament: <a href="http://www.europarl.europa.eu/portal/en">http://www.europarl.europa.eu/portal/en</a> Council of EU: <a href="http://www.consilium.europa.eu/homepage?lang=en">http://www.consilium.europa.eu/homepage?lang=en</a>				
<b>Contact</b>					