

<b>Subject</b>	<b>POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY</b>			
	<b>Type</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Code</b>
	(M)	IV	4	
<b>Course Lecturer</b>				
<b>Aims and Objectives</b>	<p>This course will introduce students with essential concepts, literature and research interests on Political Sociology. It will address central political sociology topics such as habits of the people, individual and communitarian values, interpersonal and group relations, civic movements and their repression by the state and culture, civic engagement, political participation, political cleavages, social and political trust, tolerance, media, political elites, social structuration and mobility etc. An important part of the course will focus in the context of South-Eastern Europe. The course will look at these topics from a variety of theories: (neo)functionalism, conflict theory, state centric and institutional theory, rational choice theory, feminist theory etc.</p>			
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	<p>Upon successful completion of this course, students will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Familiarized with the central preoccupations and concepts in political sociology</li> <li>• Equipped with information on main theoretical considerations and approaches in political sociology</li> <li>• Able to use theory for empirical analysis in political sociology</li> <li>• Able to write a BA level essay in the field of political sociology, to discuss and defend it within the framework of main debates and the state of the art in the field</li> </ul>			
<b>Course Content</b>	<b>Course Plan</b>			<b>Week</b>
	Presentation of the syllabus, an introduction to the course, and overview of the main theoretical perspectives			1
	Habits, individual and communitarian values, interpersonal and group			2
	Cultural modernization			3
	Social capital, social trust etc.			4
	Tolerance and politics of tolerance			5
	Protests, social movements, and their political & cultural repression			6
	Course Summary: Reflection, Review,			7
	Political elite			8
	Politics and economy of media			9
	Political participation			10
	Political cleavages and transformations			11
	Stratification and social mobility			12
	Review of theory and methods useful in political sociology			13
	Course Summary: Reflection, Review,			14
Final exam			15	
<b>Teaching/Learning Methods</b>	<b>Teaching/Learning Activity</b>			<b>Weight (%)</b>
	1. Lectures			15%
	2. Homework			15%
	3. Discussions/Critique			15%
	4. Final essay			50%
	5. Final essay defense			5%

<b>Assessment Methods</b>	<b>Assessment Activity</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Weight (%)</b>
	- Homework reviews & class	Regular	1-12	50%
	- Final essay	1	13-14	50%
<b>Course resources</b>	<b>Resources</b>			<b>Number</b>
	- Literature			Multiple
	- Base data			Multiple
	- Software – Stata			1
	- Projector			1
<b>ECTS Workload</b>	<b>Activity</b>		<b>Weekly hrs</b>	<b>Total workload</b>
	Lectures		2	30
	Homework and discussions		1	15
	Seminar work / Essay		1	10
	Self-study		4-5	35
	Administration		--	--
	Presentations		1-2	10
<b>Literature/References</b>	Literature selections from books:			
	1. T. Janoski, R. Alford, A. Hicks, and M. A. Schwartz, <i>The Handbook of Political Sociology: States, Civil Societies, and Globalisation</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2005)			
	2. G. Ritzer dhe D.J. Goodman, <i>Teoria Sociologjike</i> , (Ufo Press, 2018)			
	3. P. G. Zimbardo, <i>The Lucifer Effect: Understanding How Good People Turn Evil</i> , (Random House, 2007)			
	4. S. Immerfall and G. Therborn, <i>Handbook of European Societies: Social Transformations in the 21st Century</i> , (Springer, 2010)			
	5. S. Berglund, J. Ekman, K. Deegan-Krause and T. Knutsen, <i>The Handbook of Political Change in Eastern Europe</i> , (Edward Elgar, 2013)			
	6. R. Inglehart and Ch. Welzel, <i>Modernization, Cultural Change, and Democracy</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2005)			
	Selected articles:			
	7. R. N. Bellah (1998), Is there a common American culture?, <i>available online</i>			
	8. (2005), Hinduism, Christianity, and liberal religious toleration, <i>Political Theory</i> , 33(1), 28-57			
	9. J.C.Jenkins (1983), Resource Mobilization Theory and the Study of Social Movements, <i>Annual Review of Sociology</i> ,9, 527-553			
	10. R. Benford and D. Snow (2000), Framing Processes and Social Movements, <i>Annual Review of Sociology</i> ,26, 611–639			
	11. J. Earl (2003), Tanks, Tear Gas, and Taxes: Toward a Theory of Movement Repression, <i>Sociological Review</i> , 21(1), 44-68			
12. F. Engelstad (2015) "Introduction: Social and Political Elites in Modern Democracies" In <i>Comparative Studies of Social and Political Elites</i> . <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0195-6310(06)23001-1">http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0195-6310(06)23001-1</a>				
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