

DEPARTMENT OF EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Course Details				
<b>Code</b>		<b>Academic Year</b>		<b>Semester</b>
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<b>Title</b>		<b>T</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>L</b>
<b>Political Sociology</b>		2	0	0
		<b>ECTS</b>		
		6		
<b>Language</b>	English			
<b>Level</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>		<b>Graduate</b>	X
				<b>Postgraduate</b>
<b>Department / Program</b>	Master Program of European and International Affairs			
<b>Forms of Teaching and Learning</b>	Face to Face			
<b>Course Type</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>	x	<b>Elective</b>	
<b>Objectives</b>	<p>This course introduces students to the social circumstances of politics and key topics in political sociology such as state formation, citizen participation in politics, social movements, political parties, electoral alignments and voting, the welfare state, as well as important and relevant political-social phenomena such as suicide terrorism. Political Sociology studies the relationship between society and politics, and can be seen as the intersection of political science and sociology. It is that branch of sociology which is concerned with the nature and distribution of power in a society.</p>			
<b>Content</b>	<p>The purpose of this module is to explore the main sociological explanations of political behavior. We will examine how different explanatory models (rational choice theories, structuralist approaches, etc.) shed light on few main questions: (1) Which sociological factors shape people's political preferences and actions in democratic regimes? (2) How does political mobilization take place? (3) How political organizations (parties) and elites shape the interaction between citizens, society and power? A strong emphasis will be put on empirical studies and historical analyses. We will also look at cutting edge research on voting and voting behavior. Therefore, the aims of the module are: 1. To analyze the politicization of social cleavages, e.g. class, race and ethnicity, gender, religion and nationality. 2. To highlight (the consequences of) changing social values and attitudes. 3. To understand processes of political engagement and participation and political behaviour in genera</p>			
<b>Prerequisites</b>	-			
<b>Coordinator</b>	Dr. Philipp Decker			
<b>Lecturer(s)</b>	Dr. Philipp Decker			
<b>Assistant(s)</b>	-			
<b>Work Placement</b>	-			
Recommended or Required Reading				
<b>Books / Lecture Notes</b>	A list of required readings will be made accessible at the beginning of the term			

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Other Sources			
<b>Additional Course Material</b>			
Documents			
Assignments			
Exams			
<b>Course Composition</b>			
Mathematics und Basic Sciences		%	
Engineering		%	
Engineering Design		%	
Social Sciences		100%	
Educational Sciences		%	
Natural Sciences		%	
Health Sciences		%	
Expert Knowledge		%	
<b>Assessment</b>			
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>	
Midterm Exam		40	
Quiz			
Assignments			
Attendance			
Recitations			
Projects			
Final Exam		60	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	
<b>ECTS Points and Work Load</b>			
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Work Load (Hours)</b>
Lectures	15	2	30
Self-Study			
Assignments			
Presentation / Seminar Preparation			
Midterm Exam	1		60
Recitations			
Laboratory			
Projects	1		
Final Exam	1		90

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<b>Total Work Load</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>ECTS Points (Total Work Load / Hour)</b>	<b>6</b>

**Learning Outcomes**

1	Have a basic understanding of the sociological theories of the state
2	Understanding the political explanations of contemporary political and political science, processes and events;
3	More generally, gain an understanding of competing approaches in the field
4	To be able to relate this theoretical understanding with empirical data and analysis for various states
5	Applying sociological principles to make sense of current world events and contribute to social debate;
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**Weekly Content**

1	Introduction: what is political sociology?
2	Power, state and political systems
3	Power, state and political systems
4	The political community I: behaviouralist approaches and political socialization
5	The political community II: political culture, ideology and social capital
6	The political community III: political participation (part 1)
7	The political community III: political participation (part 2)
8	Midterm
9	The political community V: social movements
10	The political community VI: electoral behavior and party politics
11	The political community VI: electoral behavior and party politics
12	The political Community VII: The Public Sphere and the Media
13	Globalization
14	Course Summary and Discussion
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**Contribution of Learning Outcomes to Program Objectives (1-5)**

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7
1	5	5	4	4	5	4	5
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**Contribution Level** 1: Low 2: Low-intermediate 3: Intermediate 4: High 5: Very High

**<https://obs.tau.edu.tr/oibs/bologna/progLearnOutcomes.aspx?lang=en&curSunit=200>**

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