

**Information sheet for the course**  
**Contemporary Political Thoughts II (Theories of Democracy)**

<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>PLTP6</i>	<b>Course unit title:</b> <i>Contemporary Political Thoughts II (Theories of Democracy)</i>
<b>Type of course unit:</b> <i>compulsory</i>	
<b>Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods:</b> <i>Lecture: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i> <i>Seminar: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i>	
<b>Number of credits:</b> <i>5</i>	
<b>Recommended semester:</b> <i>the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester in the 1<sup>st</sup> year (full-time)</i> <i>the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester in the 1<sup>st</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>Active participation in seminars. Final written exam.</i>	
<b>Learning outcomes of the course unit:</b> <i>Students have <b>broadened knowledge</b> of theories of democracies. Mainly those of 20th and 21st century and are able to <b>compare</b> different attitudes of scholars and their works and reasons of their conclusions.</i>	
<b>Course contents:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Elites and democracy.</i></li> <li><i>2. Concept of Schumpeter.</i></li> <li><i>3. Theory of parliamentary and presidential democracy.</i></li> <li><i>4. Concept of hybrid democracy.</i></li> <li><i>5. Theory of rational choice.</i></li> <li><i>6. Theory of coalitions.</i></li> <li><i>7. Corporativism.</i></li> <li><i>8. Theories of transformations.</i></li> <li><i>9. Theories of modernizations.</i></li> <li><i>10. Theory of extremism.</i></li> <li><i>11. Polyarchy.</i></li> <li><i>12. Pluralism.</i></li> <li><i>13. Evaluation.</i></li> </ol>	
<b>Recommended of required reading:</b> <i>COUDENHOVE-KALERGI, R.: Pan-Evropa. Praha, 1993.</i> <i>GIDDENS, A.: Capitalism and modern social theor. Cambridge UP, 1972.</i> <i>GOBINEAU, J.A.: O nerovnosti lidských plemen. Praha, 1942.</i> <i>Gramsci, A.: Spoločnosť, politika, filozofia. Bratislava, 1988.</i> <i>Guenon, :, Krize moderního světa. Praha, 2002.</i> <i>Huizinga, J.: Kultúra a kríza. Bratislava, 2002.</i> <i>Kulašik, P.: Dejny politických teórií. Banská Bystrica, 2000.</i> <i>Laski, H.: The Rights of Man. London, 1940.</i> <i>Laski, H.: Úvahy o revoluci naší doby. Praha, 1948.</i> <i>Michels, R.: Strany a vůdcové. Praha, 1930.</i> <i>Weber, M.: Politika ako povolanie. Bratislava, 1990.</i> <i>Giddens, A.: Sociologie. Praha : Argo, 1999.</i> <i>HEYWOOD, A.: Politické ideologie. Praha : Eurolex Bohemia 2004.</i>	

Říchová, B.: *Přehled moderních politologických teorií. Praha : Portál, 2001.*  
Sartori, G.: *Teória demokracie. Bratislava, 1993.*

**Language:** *Slovak, English*

**Remarks:** *The subject is compulsorily for all the students. Seminar group consists of 20-25 students.*

**Evaluation history:**

A	B	C	D	E	FX
54,22	14,22	14,22	8,44	8,44	0,44

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

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**Supervisor:** *Prof. PhDr. Samuel Čelovský, DrSc. – guarantor of the study program “Political Science”*