

## Information sheet for the course Multiculturalism in Europe

<b>University:</b> <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
<b>Faculty/Department:</b> <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
<b>Course unit code:</b> <i>PLTPV6</i>	<b>Course unit title:</b> <i>Multiculturalism in Europe</i>
<b>Type of course unit:</b> <i>compulsorily optional</i>	
<b>Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods:</b> <i>Seminar: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i>	
<b>Number of credits:</b> <i>3</i>	
<b>Recommended semester:</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> semester in the 1<sup>st</sup> year (full-time)</i> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> semester in the 2<sup>nd</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>include evaluation of activities below:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Term paper writing project (5-8 pages) 30%</i></li> <li><i>2. Active participation 20% (attendance, class activities, consultation)</i></li> <li><i>3. Presentation 20%</i></li> <li><i>3. Test 30%</i></li> </ol> <i>Passing grade: 60% and above.</i>	
<b>Learning outcomes of the course unit:</b> <i>Upon completion of the course, students are <b>familiar</b> with the meaning of diversity, the consequences it have, and how politicians respond to the issue at various levels. They are able to explain the significance of the issue of diversity, which is connected with almost all countries and which has become crucial topic with increasing prevalence of mass migration around the world. They are <b>able</b> to develop a capacity that would enable them to assess the consequences of diversity to social, economic and political institutions. They are able to explain how the politics of multiculturalism have become one of the major response to the increasing levels of diversity in many countries, as well as, why this has been seen by many as a subject of extensive criticism. They are able to suggest some proposals that contribute to the solutions of multiculturalism connected problems.</i>	
<b>Course contents:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Introduction of key terms (Europe, culture, identity, multi-cultural patterns).</i></li> <li><i>2. Basic approaches to studies of the heterogeneous cultural pattern of Europe.</i></li> <li><i>3. Major trajectories of cultural differentiation in Europe.</i></li> <li><i>4. Cultural minorities and ethno-cultural groups in European space.</i></li> <li><i>5. Cultures Smaller European states in European cultural space.</i></li> <li><i>6. Current cultural change in the enlarged European Union.</i></li> <li><i>7. Current public opinion on local, regional, national and European attachment.</i></li> <li><i>8. Globalisation pressures and differentiations in local and regional attachments.</i></li> <li><i>9. Tensions between globalisation and Europeanization of cultural diversity.</i></li> <li><i>10. Major cultural centres of Europe.</i></li> <li><i>11. Alternative multi-cultural foundations of Europe.</i></li> <li><i>12. Possible role of a Europeanization policy and multi-cultural co-operation.</i></li> <li><i>13. Final consideration of current cultural changes.</i></li> </ol>	
<b>Recommended of required reading:</b> <i>Fearon (2003), "Ethnic Structure and Cultural Diversity by Country" Journal of Economic Growth</i>	

Taylor (1992), *Multiculturalism and "the Politics of Recognition"*, the essay by Charles Taylor  
 Parekh (2008), *A New Politics of Identity*, p. 80-87  
 Kymlicka (1995), *Multicultural Citizenship*, ch2 "The Politics of Multiculturalism"  
 Vertovec & Wessendorf (2010), *The Multiculturalism Backlash*, ch1 "Introduction: assessing the backlash against multiculturalism in Europe"  
 Gagnon (2000), "Canada: Unity in Diversity", in O'Neill & Austin (ed), *Democracy and Cultural Diversity*  
 Bloemraad, Korteweg, Yurdakul (2008), "Citizenship and Immigration: Multiculturalism, Assimilation, and Challenges to the Nation-State", *Annual Review of Sociology*  
 Brubaker (1990), "Immigration, Citizenship, and the Nation-State in France and Germany: a comparative historical analysis", *International Sociology*  
 Huntington (2004), "The Hispanic Challenge", *Foreign Policy*  
 Huntington (2004), *Who are We?*, ch1  
 Alesina and La Ferrara (2005), "Ethnic Diversity and Economic Performance" *Journal of Economic Literature*  
 Varshney (2001), "Ethnic Conflict and Civil Society: India and Beyond", *World Politics*  
 Reilly (2001), *Democracy in Divided Societies: Electoral engineering for conflict management*, Ch1  
 Lijphart (1977), *Democracy in Plural Societies: A Comparative Exploration*, Ch1,2  
 Messina (2006), "The political incorporation of immigrants in Europe: trends and implications", in Messina and Lahav, *The Migration Reader*

*E-materials relevant to the course would be utilized.*

**Language:** Slovak, English

**Remarks:** *The course is provided only in the case it is chosen by at least 16 students.*

**Evaluation history:**

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