

SYLLABUS	
Title of the course: POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY	
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Study program: Political Science / Journalism	
Year of the study: 1 and 2.	
ECTS: 5	
Course description and course objectives:	Political psychology is an interdisciplinary scientific study of the way people, groups and other forms of collectivities think about, feel, and behave in politics. Topics to be covered include: methodology, cognitive approach, political attitudes, critical and psychoanalytic influences and enhancements of political psychology etc. The course is an exploration of the prevailing theories and empirical methods in the study of political psychology, with the special focus to the psychoanalytic branch. The goal of this course is for students to understand the ideas and methods that form the foundation of the field, and to apply these ideas during tutorial discussions. The quality of this course depends in large part upon student's level of engagement in the class. Classes will include analysis of the main concepts and group discussions as well as the final exam.
Course enrolment requirements and entry competences:	Good will for reading and eagerness for participation
Learning outcomes (at the level of the course):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will be able to define fundamental concepts of political psychology important for understanding various political phenomena. 2. Students will be able to apply the knowledge about psychological structures and processes to the new situations in the political context. 3. Students will be able to analyze different approaches of political psychology and their understanding of political phenomena. 4. Students will be able to estimate the quality of psycho-political processes, dispositions and performance of political agents.
Course content (weekly class schedule): Every Wednesday at 14:00 in the room 9, II floor.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction – explanation of requirements and obligations 2. An Introduction to Political Psychology – Cottam, 2004, Chapter 1. 3. Cognitive Approach and its Enhancements in Political Psychology - Cottam, 2004, Chapter 3. 4. Political Attitudes and Voting Behaviour – Cottam, 2004, Chapter 6. 5. What is Critical Political Psychology – Nesbitt-Larking, Paul Margins of Difference: Constructing Critical Political Psychology, <i>Interamerican Journal of Psychology</i>. 2003, Vol. 37, Num. 2 str. 239-252 6. Psychoanalysis as Political Psychology - Frosh, Stephen. <i>Psychoanalysis as Political Psychology</i>. The Palgrave Handbook of Global Political Psychology. New York Palgrave Macmillan. 2014. str. 55-71. 7. Classical psychoanalytic Approach and its relevance for Political Psychology – Freud, S (1930) <i>Civilization and its Discontent</i>. 8. Lacanian Approach to Political Psychology – Žižek, Slavoj 2006. <i>How to Read Lacan</i> pp: 7-21 and 79-90. 9. Lacanian Analysis of Nationalism – Stavrakakis, Y. & Chrysoloras, N. (2006) (I Can't Get No) <i>Enjoyment: Lacanian Theory and the Analysis of Nationalism</i>. <i>Psychoanalysis, Culture & Society</i>. 11: 144–163. 10. Final exam
Required reading:	Cottam, Marta (2004) <i>Introduction to Political Psychology</i> , London: LEA. + already enlisted papers.

Student participation and requirements:	To be able to participate students should read selected chapters for each session, as well as to understand and memorize the content if they want to pass the exam.
Grading and evaluating student work in class and at the final exam:	Class participation = 50 % + Final exam = 50 %.
Grading scale:	1 (fail), 2 (poor), 3 (average), 4 (very good), 5 (excellent)