



The “Learn Russian in the European Union” project
 Daugavpils University
 Academic Course “Russian as a Foreign Language”

Course title	<i>Ethnopolitics</i>
Course code	Soci6001
Branch of science	Sociology
Sub-branch of science	Political sociology
Credit points	2
ECTS credit points	3
Total contact hours	32
<i>Lectures</i>	20
<i>Seminars</i>	12
Course developer	
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Preliminary knowledge (course title, part of programme, in which the course is to be acquired)	
None	
Course abstract	
<p>The course of instruction dwells upon the problems of politics in multiethnic societies. The course imparts knowledge about the main research fields in political sociology and political science, which are connected with the problems of ethnopolitics, reveals close interconnection and interaction between ethnopolitics and social processes, and develops master students’ skills to carry out an independent in-depth analysis of definite manifestations of ethnic policy implemented in Latvia and abroad.</p>	
Learning outcomes:	
<p>The course of instruction provides the following skills and knowledge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ master students comprehend theoretical problems and empirical approaches substantiated by political sociology that can be applied in research of ethno-social processes and ethnic relations, ■ master students are able to gather information, select necessary data, and analyze information sources and research, ■ master students can put theoretical knowledge into practice providing an in-depth ethnopolitical analysis, ■ master students are able to improve and extend their knowledge in order to get an adequate notion about current trends in political sociology. 	
Course content:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction into research methodology of ethnopolitical studies. 2. Ethnopolitics: the concept. 3. Political regime and ethnopolitics. 4. Functions performed by a political system and its impact on ethnopolitics. 5. Political power in multi-ethnic societies. 6. Civil society. 	
Course plan:	

Course structure: lectures - 20 h, seminars – 12 h.

Lecture topics:

Introduction into research methodology of ethnopolitical studies

1. Ethnopolitics within the context of political sociology: aim, tasks, and composition of the course of instruction. Theoretical and methodological approaches to ethnopolitics.
2. Research methods in ethnopolitical analysis. Reliability and validity of data.

Ethnopolitics: the concept

3. The concept of ethnopolitics. Ethnopolitical subjects and objects. Subjective and objective limits in ethnic policy. Implementation forms.
4. Social stratification, ethnic policy making and implementation. Ethnopolitical tools. Efficiency of ethnic policy: evaluation criteria.

Political regime and ethnopolitics

5. The concept of political regime. Ethnopolitics and totalitarian regime. Ethnopolitics and authoritarian regime. Ethnopolitics and democracy. “Ethnic democracy”.

Functions performed by a political system and its impact on ethnopolitics

6. Political system: elements, structure, and functions. Implementation of ethnic policy within a political system. Methodological approaches to the analysis of political systems. Political system models.

Political power in multi-ethnic societies

7. The concept of political power. Political power distribution in multi-ethnic societies. Political power legitimation. Political power resources (tools). Forms of political power implementation. Pluralistic models of political power.
8. Political elite in multi-ethnic society. The ruling elite. Elitism theories. Elitist models of political power.

Civil society

9. Civil society in multi-ethnic environment. Civil society structure. Civil society and the State. Correlation between the civil society and political system: models.
10. Political culture and its impact on ethnic policy implementation in democratic societies. Political culture elements. Political subcultures and ethnic composition of a society. Political culture typology. Political communication.

Themes of the practical classes/ seminars:

1. Ethnopolitics in modern sociological theories.
2. Ethnic policy typology.
3. The limits of ethnic policy in democratic societies.
4. Ethnic policy in the EU and Latvia.
5. Political power in multi-ethnic societies.
6. National (ethnic) elite.

Students' independent work: presentation of paper (about 15-20 min) at seminars and participation in discussion.

Requirements for awarding credit points:

Participation in discussions at seminars – 30%;
Presentation of a paper – 50%;
Test – 20%.

Compulsory reading

1. Apine, I. *Politoloģija: Ievads etnopsiholoģijā*. Rīga, 2001.
2. *Ievads politikā* / I. Apine, M. Ašmanis, D. Bāra u.c. Rīga, 1998.
3. Rotčailds, Dž. *Etnopolitika: konceptuālās aprises*. Rīga, 1999.
4. Smelser, N.J. *Sociology. Alternote edition*. [S.l.], 1984 (vai arī tulkojums krievu valodā).
5. Tauriņš, G. *Politika: (Intelekts, kultūra, atbildība)*. 1. daļa. *Politikas pamati*. Rīga, 1999; 2. daļa. *Politikas filozofija*. Rīga, 2001; 3. daļa. *Politiskās domas vēsture*. Rīga, 2002.
6. Tirlvels, Ā. *Politika*. Rīga, 2006.

Further reading

1. Ašmanis, M. *Politikas saturs*. Rīga, 1995.
2. Ašmanis, M. *Politikas terminu vārdnīca*. Rīga, 1999.
3. Ašmanis, M. *Politoloģija. Politikas izziņa. Vara*. Rīga, 2001.
4. Ašmanis, M. *Politoloģija. Politikas subjekti*. Rīga, 2001.
5. Chalfant, H.P., LaBeff, E. *Understanding People and Social Life*. N.Y., etc., 1988.
6. Chernilo, D. *A Social Theory of the Nation-State: The Political Forms of Modernity beyond Methodological Nationalism*. [S.l.]: Routledge, 2007.
7. Dalton, R. J. and H.-D. Klingemann, eds. *The Oxford Book of Political Behavior*. [S.l.]: Oxford University Press, 2009.
8. Despres, L. (ed.) *Ethnicity and Resource Competition in Plural Societies*. The Hague; Paris, 1975.
9. Easton, D. *A Systems Analysis of Political Life*. N.Y., 1965.
10. Eitzen, D.S., Zinn, M.B. *In Conflict and Order*. Boston, etc., 1991.
11. *Elite and Specialised Interviewing* / ed. by L.A. Dexter. Evanston (Ill.), 1970.
12. Faulks, K. *Political Sociology: A Critical Introduction*. Edinburgh, 1999.
13. Hayward, J.E.S. *Elitism, Populism, and European Politics*. [S.l.]: Clarendon Press, 1996.
14. Ikstens, J. *Politikas pamati*. Rīga, 2001.
15. *Integrācija un etnopolitika* / E. Vēbera red. Rīga, 2000.
16. Kaneti, E. *Masa un vara*. Rīga, 1999.
17. Kuleša, V.T., Vinčoreks, P. *Demokrātija: 20. gs. nogalē*. Rīga, 1996.
18. Laķis, P. *Vara un sabiedrība*. Rīga, 1997.
19. Marger, M.N. *Elites un Masses: An Introduction to Political Sociology*. 2nd ed. Belmont (CA), 1987.
20. *Mūsdienu politiskā filozofija*. Rīga, 1998.
21. Murvar, V., ed. *Theory of Liberty, Legitimacy and Power*. [S.l.]: Routledge, 2006.
22. *Nacionālā politika Baltijas valstīs* / E. Vēbera un R. Kārklīņas red. Rīga, 1995.
23. Našenieks, V. *Politoloģija: lekciju kurss*. Rīga, 2003.
24. *A New Handbook of Political Science* / ed. by R. E. Goodin and H.-D. Klingemann. [S.l.], Oxford Univ. Press, 1998.
25. Orum, A. M. and J. G. Dale. *Introduction to Political Sociology: Power and Participation in the Modern World*. [S.l.]: Oxford University Press, 2008.
26. Ozolzīle, G. *Demokrātija: Teorija un prakse*. Rīga, 1998.
27. Parenti, M. *Democracy for the Few*. 5th ed. N.Y., 1988.
28. Philips, S.W. *Power and Choice: An Introduction to Political Science*. N.Y., 1991.

29. *Pilsoniskā apziņa* / E. Vēbera red. Rīga, 1998.
30. *Politika un socioloģija = Politics and Sociology*. Rīga, 2004 (Latvijas Universitātes raksti, 663.sēj.).
31. Scheuerman, W. E. *Frankfurt School Perspectives on Globalization, Democracy, and the Law*. [S.l.]: Routledge, 2007.
32. Tauriņš, G. *Pēcpadomju demokrātija Latvijā*. Rīga; Štutgarte, 2005.

Periodicals and other sources

1. Laikraksti: „Diena”, „Latvijas Avīze”,
2. Žurnāli: „Sociālo Zinātņu Vēstnesis” (DU SPI žurnāls), “Latvijas Zinātņu Akadēmijas Vēstnesis”
3. www.politika.lv
4. www.soczin.times.lv
5. <http://www.citapolitika.lv/>
6. <http://www.balticforum.org/index.php?catalogue&id=23&cid=909>
7. www.dialogi.lv
8. www.cvk.lv
9. www.saeima.lv
10. <http://www.mk.gov.lv/>
11. www.delfi.lv
12. www.diena.lv

Remarks:

none

To which study programmes and their parts (A, B, C, D) this course belongs:

Part A

