Course datasheet
Nations, Minorities and Minority policies in ECE

Course code: 7P010NGV55M
Course name: Nations, Minorities and Minority policies in ECE
Course name (Hungarian): Nations, Minorities and Minority policies in ECE
Number of hours per semester: 24+0+0
Credits: 5
Fall/Spring: Annual, fall semester
Language: English
Prerequisites: None
Course type: MA elective course
Department: Politikatudományi Intézet
Course leader: Dobos Balázs

Course description: The course aims to introduce the elements of both the theories of nationalism and the minority research, and to reveal the different aspects of relevant scientific research of minority issues. It primarily concentrates on the analysis of the East-Central-European minority policies after the change of political system and within this framework it summarizes the political and sociological background of the ethnic majority-minority cleavages, the political elite’s dominant ideas on ethnic relations, the determinative processes and connections, and introduces the main institutions and legal instruments in the past and present. Putting the complex, multidisciplinary issue into an international and regional context, it covers both multilateral and bilateral legal norms, and the possible ways of kin state politics (kin state and kin minority relations).

Course requirements during the semester: Collection and presentation of certain ethnopolitical features of a selected country, critical assessment of the presentations.
Test: reading requirements and the contents of theoretical lectures.

Examination requirements: None

Aims, objectives and description of the course: Ethnopolitics in theory:
1.) Basic definitions I.: the interpretations of nation and nationalism. The main theories of nationalism in the context of the East-Central-European historical and cultural developments.
2.) Basic definitions II.: minority, minority policy and politics, minority rights and constitutional approaches.
3.) The typological classification of minorities, the main features of minorities living in East-Central-Europe. The historical legacy. Minorities under Communism.
4.) The international protection of minorities since the end of WWI. The impact of the EU Enlargement.
5.) The typology and theories of ethnic conflict in the light of Post-communist transition.
6.) Minorities and political ideologies. Democracy in divided societies. The liberal state, liberal pluralism and illiberal minorities.
7.) Ethnopolitical mobilization, minority political organizations and ethnic parties, participation in decision-making processes. Minorities and power-sharing. Electoral systems, parliamentary representations, other institutions and mechanisms for the effective participation
8.) Minorities and governance. Models and examples of autonomy.
... and in practice:
9-13.) The introduction and analysis of selected cases on the basis of certain criteria.

Course schedule: Monday 15:30-17 (C316)
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Learning outcomes:

Course assessment during the semester:

Assignments:

Program's name:

Readings:

Compulsory readings:

• Ljubljana Guidelines on Integration of Diverse Societies. (The Hague, OSCE, November 2012)

Recommended readings:

• Bárdi Nándor; Fedinec Csilla; Szarka László eds. (2011): Minority Hungarian communities in the twentieth century. Boulder: Atlantic Research and Publications, Inc. (East European monographs; 774.)
• Brubaker, Rogers (2016): Trans: Gender, Race, and the Micropolitics of Identity. Princeton UP.
• Cordell, Karl; Wolff, Stefan eds. (2004): Ethnopolitical Encyclopaedia of Europe. London,
• Fearon, James D. (1999): What is Identity (As We Now Use the Word)? Unpublished.
• https://web.stanford.edu/group/fearon-research/cgi-bin/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/What-is-Identity-as-we-now-use-the-word-.pdf
• Political Parties and Minority Participation. Skopje, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 2008.
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