

| Name of the course | Field of study and its code | Faculty | Research Department |
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| Contemporary Political Regimes | Political science 02S | IIRPS | Department of Political Philosophy and History of Ideas |

| Study method | Number of credits ECTS | Study method | Number of credits ECTS |
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| Lectures | – | Consultations | 1 |
| Individual work | 6 | Seminars | 1 |

Course abstract

Contemporary political regimes – an optional PhD course that focuses on the analysis of contemporary political regimes, their typology and change. The course's main objectives are to study the works of the most prominent scholars of contemporary political regimes, assess the underlying assumptions of the stability and change of different political regimes as well as the current trends, and apply theoretical models to the study of individual countries and regions.

Main topics:

The concept of political regime. The problem of the typology of political regimes.
 Contemporary liberal democracy: ideas and challenges of the reality.
 Transitology discipline and its methodological issues.
 The diversity of post-communist transformation and its interpretations.
 Modern authoritarian regimes and their diversity.
 Totalitarianism and its working mechanism.
 The contradictions of democratic capitalism.

Forms of study and assessment strategy:

Individual literature studies. Assessment form – written exam.
 Literature review and preparation of the research paper. In the research paper, the PhD student chooses a topic related to the field of contemporary political regimes and the subject of the thesis. Assessment form – research paper (30 000 – 40 000 characters).

Course literature

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