

Term:	Spring 2018
ECTS credits:	5
Lessons per week:	90 + 90 min
Language:	English
Instructor:	Michal Vašečka, PhD.
Form of study:	Lecture and Seminar

Race, Ethnicity, and Nation

Prerequisites

Course Race, Ethnicity, and Nation is designed for students of the 1st year at BISLA.

Course Objectives

Course Race, Ethnicity, and Nation is proposed for undergraduate level students at BISLA and it aims to analyze peculiarities of race and ethnicity issues. This course is based on structured reading and discussions and serves as prerequisite for further courses focused on issues of race, ethnicity, nation, and coexistence in general. Upon completing the course students should be able to analyze reasons, outcomes, and potential solutions of ethnic and race conflicts between various groups of people.

Contents

The course offers wide perspective of the theoretical and research dilemmas, that social sciences tackle in the process of researching race and ethnicity. Students are offered an opportunity to get an additional knowledge on social sciences' approach toward issues of ethnic determination, different forms of intolerance originated from the race and ethnicity definitions. The course is focused on national and cultural identity and the processes of its construction, relations of ethnicity and nationalism, it opens a discussion over group rights and forms of ethnic groups coexistence. The course is discussing also the theoretical discourse and practical approach toward phenomena of ethnocentrism, racism, and anti-Semitism. The course defines principles of the multiculturalism and it focuses also on ethnic conflicts. The course is aimed also on practical issues of the education toward tolerance and against racism. The course touches upon methodological dilemmas of the race studies and it draws problems of ethnization and feminization of the poverty. Finally, the course is focused also on specific topic - the Roma population as a object of sociology interest.