



Vedomie a realita

Term:	Fall 2022
ECTS credits:	5
Lessons per week:	2 x 90 min
Language:	Slovak
Instructor:	Ing. Egon Gál
Form of study:	Lecture + class discussion

Prerequisites

none

Course description

Žijeme v čase anómie, čo je vlastne sociologický termín kedy starý poriadok už zanikol a nový ešte nenabehol. Preskúmame nové spôsoby organizácie ľudských správání a technológií. Preskúmame nacionalizmus a hlavných autorov, ktorí sa k nemu vyjadrujú. Ako dosiahnuť aby ľudia spolupracovali? Každý žijeme podľa seba ale je tiež potrebné dodržiavať nejaké rámce, inak by nebola spoločnosť.

Niektorí dnes hovoria, že ľudské práva sú mýtus ale aj národ bol mýtom pred 200 rokmi a idea národa sa zdala byť utópiou. Najprv vznikajú príbehy a keď ľudia uveria týmto príbehom, stávajú sa samozrejmosťou.

Course Requirements and Evaluation

1 presentation per each student, 2 short written assignments in the middle of semester, active attendance and participation in debates

Recommended evaluation criteria:

30% **Active attendance** at seminars, participation in debates, preparedness for class

30% 7 various **written assignments**: essays, tests, quizzes (essay -- 3 short essays for the 1st year/ one longer essay of 5 to 7 pages for the 2nd and 3rd year students. It is important to offer written feedback for any written assignment.)

10% **Presentation**

10% **Midterm exam/task** (e.g., elaboration of 1 out of 3 or 2 out of 5 given themes, at home or in class) – (*Mid-term is optional**)

20% **Final test** (comprehensive written exam) – (*Final test is optional**)

* If you do not offer either midterm or final exam, you increase the value of the written assignments.

The instructor is expected to provide a midterm evaluation to all students.

Grading System

A – excellent:	100-93%
B – very good:	92-84%
C – good:	83-74%



D – satisfactory: 73-63%
E – sufficient: 62-51%
Fx – fail: 50-0%

Passing a course assumes that a student was not absent at more than 4 lessons.

Expectations in the Classroom

(phone and computer policy)

Texts

Mandatory readings

The Myth of the Neutral State ;Hazony, Y. (2018).

The virtue of nationalism. Hachette UK.

Jamie Bartless, The People Vs. Tech

Yuval Noah Harari: Sapiens

TheNote: for the 1st year courses – lecture

book + texts (recommended c. 10 pages/week)

2nd and 3rd year – texts (recommended min. 15 pages/week)

Other materials

Youtube videos and TED talks

Topics

1. Introduction
2. Dangerous memes
3. Dangerous memes
4. Nationalism
5. Nationalism
6. The People vs. Tech
7. READING WEEK
8. tbd
9. tbd
10. tbd
11. tbd
12. tbd
13. tbd
14. tbd

*******This syllabus is subject to change.*******