

Information list of a subject

<b>University:</b> Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (BISLA)	
<b>Faculty:</b>	
<b>Subject code:</b>	<b>Subject name:</b> The present and future of religion
<b>Type, scope, and method of educational activities:</b> Two weekly meetings of 90 minutes each, amounting 42 hours total. Every week, the first meeting takes the form of a lecture and the second, of a seminar. (full-time form)	
<b>Number of credits:</b> 5 ECTS	
<b>Suggested semester:</b>	
<b>Level of studies:</b> 1	
<b>Conditional previous subjects:</b> none	
<b>Requirements for the course:</b>	
10 % Active attendance in seminars, preparedness for class, participation in discussions	
25 % Weekly written assignments	
30 % Final Paper	
20 % National elections simulation- participation + presentations	
15 % Short Seminar Presentation from a selected text	
Course evaluation (%): 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 the course assumes that student was not absent at more than 4 class sessions. Late arrival is marked as a “tardie”. Three tardies equal one absence. Missing more than 15 minutes of the class is considered an absence.	
<b>Learning outcomes:</b>	
-Gain footing in concepts central to the study of political interactions and institutions within the field of comparative politics,	
-Acquire knowledge of various types of institutional settings and designs in different political regimes,	
-Be able to assess the consequences of electoral and institutional designs on party and political systems,	
-Apply theoretical constructs to specific case studies,	
-Learn the ins and outs of an electoral campaign,	
-Strengthen skills in individual research and writing, teamwork, and public presentation.	
<b>Brief outline of the course:</b>	
- The presentation of the biblical text as a literary text with different planes of utterance and interpretation.	
- The approach to literary genres in the religious texts: the most important levels of interpretation in today's theology and biblical text-inspired literature.	
- Synchronous and diachronous explanation of biblical texts. Biblical phraseology in a secular literary environment and its implications for written expression and understanding of the role of Christian interpretations in literature and normative texts.	
- Religions, state, and nation in the 20th and 21st centuries. Theological, historical, sociological and anthropological perspective.	
- Religion and liberalism (socialism): an excursion to the 19th century. Religion and fascism in the first half of the 20th century.	
- Religion and communism in the second half of the 20th century. The return and “revival” of religion after 2000: fundamentalism, culture wars and digitalisation.	

**Recommended readings:**

BARŠA, Pavel – HESOVÁ, Zora – SLAČÁLEK, Ondřej (eds.). Central European Culture Wars: Beyond Post-Communism and Populism. Prague: Filozofická fakulta Univerzity Karlovy. Charles TAYLOR, Secular age, Harvard University Press 2007

Alain DE BOTTON, The Religion fo Atheists, 2012 SZABÓ, Miloslav. Hitler’s Priests in Slovakia? On the Convergence on Catholicism and Fascism in Nazi “New Europe”. 2022. In: Soudobé dějiny/Czech Journal of Contemporary History 29, no: 3, DOI:

**10.51134/sod.2022.023.** HOBBSAWM, E.J., *Nations and Nationalism since 1780 – Programme, Myth, Reality*, Cambridge, 1993. RENAN, E., «What is a Nation», in G. Eley – R.G. Suny, ed., *Becoming National*, Oxford – New York 1996, 42-55. MIROSLAV KOCŮR, National and Religious Identity: A Study in Galatians 3,23-29 and Romans 10,12-21: v. 24 (Osterreichische Biblische Studien) Wien 2003.

**Language of the course:** English

**Notes:** Elective course

**Evaluation**

Total number of evaluated students:

A	B	C	D	E	FX
(percentage of students who got A)	(percentage of students who got B)	(percentage of students who got C)	(percentage of students who got D)	(percentage of students who got E)	(percentage of students who got FX)

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