

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

CIVIS is excited to announce the latest phase of its growing educational offer for students. As online courses become more common in CIVIS member universities, we are excited to offer students the opportunity to join a selection of online courses offered by one of our member universities. This is a fantastic way to enrich your studies and experience CIVIS from home.

In the academic year 2021-22, this new pillar of the CIVIS offer for students is in a pilot phase. The range and type of courses available varies widely between universities, so take some time to explore the lists. Each university will be managing the registrations and application process for the courses they host. Check out the course lists below and stay tuned for updates!

ACCREDITATION AND RECOGNITION OF ECTS

Many of the courses offer ECTS credit points and could be recognised as part of your study programme - but this depends on the decision of your home university. We would recommend all students to verify in advance, at their home university, whether their preferred online course(s) could be recognised and to what extent. Even if they will not be recognised, you are welcome to apply as an addition to your study programme.

Upon graduation, students will receive a CIVIS Passport, an innovative tool that records all CIVIS activities (credited and non-credited). This CIVIS Passport will be a personal digital space for registering all CIVIS experiences, including participation in open online courses at other CIVIS universities. The CIVIS Passport is one of the very first tools for recording and recognising learning experiences at a European level. The inclusion of an activity in your CIVIS Passport will depend on the application and registration processes of the university hosting the course, so be sure to follow all instructions carefully!

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The University of Bucharest is pleased to invite students from all CIVIS member universities to join in online courses that take place during the first semester (October 2021 - January 2022). Places are available in wide range of courses at Bachelor and Master levels of study, covering the CIVIS thematic areas.

CIVIS students are invited to apply to any of the courses included in the UB's offer, before the application deadline: **Sunday, 10 October 2021**, through the following application form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckD46WN5bG1w8AZrz8dYtMUFxYyLgellQe_ziaXVw_wsNwH6g/viewform?usp=sf_link.

We kindly ask students to provide their institutional email address in the application form.



Students will receive, by Wednesday, 13 October 2021, the latest, a confirmation email from the faculty secretariate, along with the course's activities schedule and other relevant information.

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UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: NEUROBIOLOGY OF HOMEOSTATIC BEHAVIORS

Faculty of Biology – Department of Anatomy, Animal Physiology and Biophysics

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	7 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	Not the case

DESCRIPTION:

The main objective of the course “Neurobiology of homeostatic behaviors” is to deliver updated information about the neural mechanisms involved in homeostatic behaviors, such as thermoregulation, feeding, sleep-wake cycle and maintaining tissue integrity/anti-nociceptive behavior. More specifically, the course content focus on:

- 1) the role of the autonomic nervous system in maintaining homeostasis;
- 2) the role of peripheral nervous systems in sensing temperatures and of the hypothalamus in keeping the “set-point” temperature, for the thermoregulation behavior;
- 3) the role of taste and olfaction in controlling feeding and of the hypothalamus in regulating satiety and body weight, for the feeding behavior;
- 4) the sleep mechanisms and functions, for the sleep-wake cycle;
- 5) the neurobiology of pain and the role of neuro-immune interactions in the pain pathogenesis, for the anti-nociceptive behavior.

During practical lessons students will learn about the anatomy of the peripheral nervous system, how to prepare primary cultures of dorsal root ganglia neurons, macrophages, and microglia, about animal pain models and behavioral testing and how to use techniques such as immunocytochemistry, patch-clamp and microfluorimetry to record activity of neuronal or glial cells in primary cultures. The main learning outcomes of this course are:

- 1) a better understanding of what a homeostatic behavior is;
- 2) what is the role of the peripheral, central and autonomic nervous system in regulating the homeostatic behavior;
- 3) how to use cellular techniques to investigate the neural and neuro-immune interactions in modulating the homeostatic behaviors.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): HEALTH

CONTACT INFORMATION	Prof. Violeta Ristoiu, Ph.D. violeta.ristoiu@bio.unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 2h for course & 2h of practical lessons / week
PREREQUISITES	Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry, Histology

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: BEHAVIORAL ECONOMICS I

Faculty of Business and Administration – Department of Applied Economics and Data Analysis

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	50 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course aims to offer a general understanding of economic models by incorporating insights from other social sciences, such as psychology and sociology and explaining anomalies that defy standard economic analysis.

The syllabus can be found here: <https://faa.ro/index.php/studii/master/ec-en/248-curricula-ec-en-planuri-de-invataman> (under the folder Fise disciplina Master EC)

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE; HEALTH; DIGITAL & TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION; CITIES, TERRITORIES, MOBILITIES; CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY

CONTACT INFORMATION	Assoc. Prof. Rodica Ianole-Calin, Ph.D. rodica.ianole@faa.unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 4h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: MICROECONOMICS

Faculty of Business and Administration – Department of Applied Economics and Data Analysis

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course aims to offer a general understanding of economics concepts and to illustrate on how to use these concepts to analyse specific questions.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): OTHER DOMAIN OF STUDY (ECONOMY AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION)

CONTACT INFORMATION	Assoc. Prof. Rodica Ianole-Calin, Ph.D. rodica.ianole@faa.unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 4h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

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TITLE: AN INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures – Department of English

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	15 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course offers an introduction to the study of language acquisition from a biolinguistic perspective. The main goal is to allow students to gain a basic understanding of how children acquire the language(s) which they receive in the input, in monolingual and multilingual settings. Drawing on data from various studies students will be encouraged to evaluate the adequacy of the research methodology used in the investigation of language acquisition as well as the explanatory adequacy of theoretical analyses. First language acquisition will be compared to second language learning with a focus on the relevance of the findings to classroom foreign language teaching.

The list of topics includes:

- 1) Language acquisition from a biolinguistics perspective
- 2) Access to Universal Grammar in the acquisition of syntax
- 3) The acquisition of vocabulary
- 4) The acquisition of morphology
- 5) Research methodology in first language acquisition

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): OTHER DOMAIN OF STUDY (LANGUAGE ACQUISITION AND LANGUAGE LEARNING)

CONTACT INFORMATION	Prof. Larisa Avram, Ph.D. larisa.avram@lfs.unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 2h / week
PREREQUISITES	(any course which offered an) Introduction to linguistics

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

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TITLE: COPYRIGHT FOR DERIVATIVE WORKS - TRANSLATIONS

Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures – Department of English

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor & Master
CREDIT POINTS	3 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	30 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course focuses on copyright provisions for derivative works that are protected by copyright laws. The course provides international, EU legislation on aspects that are relevant for translators as well as examples of infringements of copyright provisions. During the course students are invited to ask questions and to bring examples from their experience as translators.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

CONTACT INFORMATION	Prof. Roxana Cristina Petcu, Ph.D. roxana.cristinapetcu@gmail.com
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	November – December 2021 (5 weeks) 2h / week
PREREQUISITES	Minimal information about Romanian legislation on copyright

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

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TITLE: PERSPECTIVES ON THE PROFESSION OF SWORN TRANSLATOR OR INTERPRETER

Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures – Department of English

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	3 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	30 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course is meant for both undergraduate students in translation and interpretation as well as for master students in specialized translations and for master students in conference interpretation and the main purpose of the course is that to increase students' awareness on the right to a fair trial, particularly on the fact that people who are trialled for penal acts are entitled to have access to all penal procedures in a language that they declare that they understand.

It is a general practice both for undergraduate and master students to pass the exam organized in Romania, by the Ministry of Culture in the field of legal procedures. They pass the exam quite easily due to their skills in foreign languages but are not aware of the implications of their translations, when they provide this service for people who are under arrest in police departments or when they are questioned by prosecutors or judges.

So, basically the course provides insight on penal legislation, in EU member states and international legislation as well as precise law cases when translators being unaware of their legal obligations as sworn translators failed to comply with the laws that mean to serve a major human right.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

CONTACT INFORMATION	Prof. Roxana Cristina Petcu, Ph.D. roxana.cristinapetcu@gmail.com
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	November – December 2021 (5 weeks) 2h / week
PREREQUISITES	Good knowledge of English

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

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TITLE: BUSINESS COMMUNICATION

Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures – Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures

LANGUAGE(S)	German	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	3 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	30 students

DESCRIPTION:

This course is offered as part of a master's program that belongs to the field of Modern Applied Languages. Business communication topics are discussed: Job application, application documents, job interview, business language. Intercultural communication is an important aspect of the course.

The level of the students is B1-B2.

<http://lls.unibuc.ro/programe-de-masterat/cultura-si-limbajul-organizatiilor-europene-cloe/>

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

CONTACT INFORMATION	Assoc. Prof. Ileana-Maria Ratcu, Ph.D. maria.ratcu@lls.unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 2h / fortnight (every 2 weeks)
PREREQUISITES	German language B1

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

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TITLE: REMOTE SENSING IMAGE ANALYSIS FOR GEOGRAPHICAL DATA COLLECTION

Faculty of Geography – Department of Geomorphology - Pedology - Geomatics

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	2 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	50 students

DESCRIPTION:

This course is offered as part of a master's program that belongs to the field of Modern Applied Languages. Business communication topics are discussed: Job application, application documents, job interview, business language. Intercultural communication is an important aspect of the course.

The level of the students is B1-B2.

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THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): CITIES, TERRITORIES, MOBILITIES; CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY; DIGITAL & TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION; OTHER DOMAIN OF STUDY (CARTOGRAPHY)

CONTACT INFORMATION	Prof. Bogdan Mihai, Ph.D. (course) bogdan.mihai@unibuc.ro Marina Virghileanu, Ph.D. (practical exercises - workshop) marina.virghileanu@geo.unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 2h / week
PREREQUISITES	Basic knowledge in remote sensing, GIS, and cartography

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

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TITLE: ANCIENT GREEK COLONIES OF THE WESTERN BLACK SEA SHORE / LES COLONIES GREQUES DE LA MER NOIRE OCCIDENTALE

Faculty of History – Department of Ancient History, Archaeology and Art History

LANGUAGE(S)	English & French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	20 students

DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed as an introduction into the study of the Greek colonies on the West coast of the Black Sea from their foundation to the coming of the Romans in the area. It tackles important topics regarding the history and archaeology of the colonies such as the interplay between colonies and mother cities, the articulation of religious life, institutions and political issues, interactions between Greeks and non-Greeks or between the colonies themselves.

The discussions specific to the western Pontic colonies will be conducted on the background of relevant developments in the scholarship pertaining to colonization in general. Students will be expected to get a systematic understanding of the history and archaeology of the colonies, and of the main concepts and paradigms used for understanding and describing colonization.

Evaluation will consist of voluntary participation to discussions during classes and two presentations made by the students based on individually assigned readings, one presentation regarding issues specific to colonies in the Black Sea area, the other regarding the process of colonization in general.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE; CITIES, TERRITORIES, MOBILITIES

CONTACT INFORMATION	Lect. Alexandra Lițu, Ph.D. alexandra.litu@unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	4 October 2021 – 21 January 2022
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

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TITLE: CRITICAL THINKING IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

Faculty of Philosophy – Department of Theoretical Philosophy

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	8 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	25 students

DESCRIPTION:

The primary objective of this course is to improve your analytic reasoning skills. Reasoning is a skill, and like other skills (e.g., baking or cycling) it can be improved. This course introduces the techniques and theories relevant to both formal and informal logic with the aim of improving your critical reasoning.

We will focus primarily on the evaluation of arguments. Thus, we will also consider various kinds of arguments and discuss some strategies for overcoming common mistakes in reasoning and argumentation.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): OTHER DOMAIN OF STUDY (COGNITIVE SCIENCE)

CONTACT INFORMATION	Assoc. Prof. Sorin Costreie, Ph.D. sorin.costreie@unibuc.ro Assist. Prof. Andrei Ionuț Mărășoiu, Ph.D. andrei.marasoiu@icub.unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 4h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

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TITLE: PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE

Faculty of Philosophy – Department of Theoretical Philosophy

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	8 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	25 students

DESCRIPTION:

This course examines the major contemporary debates in the philosophical foundations of cognitive science. It touches both on the conceptual intersections and interconnections between philosophical and cognitive-scientific approaches to the mind and explores the variety of contexts in which such approaches are applied, with a focus on comparisons between natural and artificial agents and cognizers, and the interaction between our mental states and new technological advances.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): OTHER DOMAIN OF STUDY (COGNITIVE SCIENCE)

CONTACT INFORMATION	Prof. Mircea Dumitru, Ph.D. mircea.dumitru@unibuc.ro Assist. Prof. Andrei Ionuț Mărășoiu, Ph.D. andrei.marasoiu@icub.unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 4h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

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TITLE: CULTURAL CAPITAL AND CREATIVE COMMUNICATION

Faculty of Philosophy – UNESCO Chair in Interculturality, Good Governance and Sustainable Development

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	50 students

DESCRIPTION:

- Propaedeutic aspects. Cultural capital: definition, genealogy, taxonomy
- Cultural capital as expression of class inequalities: modern trajectories of capitalist societies. Capital vs. capitalism in cultural terms
- Cultural capital and social capital. Cultural knowledge, social status, and power
- Social and economic dynamics of embodied, objectified, and institutionalized cultural capital
- Cultural capital in terms of critical theory: leftist and rightist theories on the generation, distribution, and development of cultural capital
- Social vs. human capital: cultural determinations
- Creative communication: the role of arts in the sustainable development of society and cultural capital

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

CONTACT INFORMATION	Lilian Ciachir lilian.ciachir@filosofie.unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 2 weeks
PREREQUISITES	Basic knowledge in sociology and cultural studies

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: EUROPEAN CULTURAL INTERFERENCES

Faculty of Philosophy – UNESCO Chair in Interculturality, Good Governance and Sustainable Development

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	50 students

DESCRIPTION:

- Theory and Method. Culture and Civilization. The Interdisciplinary Perspective for Studying Cultural Influences
- Qualitative Study of Cultures – Ethnographic and Anthropological Approaches. The Issue of Cultural Bias
- Postmodern Identities, High Culture vs. Popular Culture
- Ideology and Culture. The Creation of Cultural Identities. Cultural Divide and Conflict
- Multiculturalism and Mass Culture

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

CONTACT INFORMATION	Lilian Ciachir lilian.ciachir@filosofie.unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 2 weeks
PREREQUISITES	Basic knowledge in sociology and cultural studies

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: THEORY OF INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION

Faculty of Philosophy – UNESCO Chair in Interculturality, Good Governance and Sustainable Development

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	50 students

DESCRIPTION:

Part I

- History of intercultural communication
- Culture: definitions and competing conceptualizations
- Theoretical presuppositions of culture
- The roles of language and cognitive processes in cultural development
- Culture shock and cultural adjustment
- Intercultural communication: resistance to change vs. acceptance of difference

Part II

- Identity
- Otherization
- Representation

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 2 weeks
PREREQUISITES	Basic knowledge in sociology and cultural studies

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: BIOPHYSICAL APPLICATIONS OF MOLECULAR DYNAMICS

Faculty of Physics – Department of Electricity, Solid State and Biophysics

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	10 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course aims to introduce students to basic principles of molecular structure and molecular simulations. Students will acquire hands-on experience with using scientific visualisation software to inspect biomolecule structure, will use openly available resources to prepare a molecular simulation system, and will learn to extract information from molecular simulation data. The lecture will introduce fundamental concepts such as energy minimisation, classical mechanical force field equations, and integration parameters. Teamwork between students attending the lecture will be encouraged for working on specific tasks.

Chapters of the lecture

- Introduction to molecular structure
- Introduction to the molecular simulation approach
- Force field equations and force field parameters
- Energy minimisation and numerical integration algorithms
- Data analysis for molecular simulations

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): HEALTH; OTHER DOMAIN OF STUDY (PHYSICS)

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 4h / week (lecture & practicals/tutorials)
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: HISTORY OF PHYSICS / METHODS AND TECHNIQUES OF PRESENTING THE RESULTS IN PHYSICS (DO.305F.EN)

Faculty of Physics – Department of Theoretical Physics, Mathematics, Optics, Plasma, Lasers

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	3 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	15 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course of History of Physics focuses on the presentation of various stages in the development of different major concepts in modern physics. This course can be followed independently without any requirements regarding prior understanding of major concepts from modern physics.

The basic objectives are: understanding the connection of physics with other STEM disciplines and different branches of human knowledge, apprehension of the historical transition from classical physics towards the modern concepts in the present epoch, comprehension of the stages required towards formulating a rigorous theory able to describe the physical phenomenon, the development of various branches in modern physics (mechanics, electrodynamics, optics, quantum physics, general relativity and cosmology).

The course of Methods and techniques of presenting the results in physics offers a brief introduction to various technologies considered nowadays for describing novel results in physics. In this course the students are expected to acquire various techniques of redaction, processing, and presentation of the results in physics.

From a technical point of view the course describes the LaTeX software system, having various applications in the communication and publication of scientific documents.

In the last part of the course the curriculum offers an introduction into HTML and CSS, the standard markup language and style sheet system used in the creation of web pages.

The lecture contents

- Introductory lectures: why physics is a key science. The connection of physics with other sciences and branches of human knowledge.
- The history of mechanics
- The evolution of optics
- The history of electrodynamics
- The history of quantum mechanics
- The development of thermodynamics and statistical mechanics
- Physics in the 20th century: the physics of the fundamental interactions and of the elementary particles, condensed matter physics, nuclear physics, cosmology and astrophysics, the physics of earth, biophysics, and medical physics.

The main themes for tutorials

- Structure of a scientific work; examples in physics
- Introduction in LaTeX
- Graphical representation, animations, videos; applications in physics
- Writing a scientific paper
- Designing of a scientific presentation
- Introduction to HTML/CSS
- Fundamentals of designing a presentation website in HTML/CSS
- Structure of a scientific presentation in HTML/CSS

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY; DIGITAL & TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION; SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE; OTHER DOMAIN OF STUDY (PHYSICS)

CONTACT INFORMATION	Prof. Virgil Băran, Ph.D. Assoc. Prof. Alexandru Nicolin, Ph.D. Lect. Mihai Marciu, Ph.D. mihmarciu@gmail.com
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week (lecture & practicals/tutorials)
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: SIMULATION METHODS IN PHYSICS (DO.205F.1.EN)

Faculty of Physics – Department of Theoretical Physics, Mathematics, Optics, Plasma, Lasers

LANGUAGE(S)	English & Italian	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	15 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course of Simulation Methods in Physics focuses on the methods and techniques of numerical simulation for solving problems and data analysis. It is aimed as a continuation of the introductory course on “Processing of Physical Data and Numerical Methods”, but it can also be followed independently. Among its objectives are: understanding specific problems and correlation between analytic and applicative aspects; developing abilities for numerical simulation; developing abilities for adapting numerical algorithms to physics problems; developing abilities for data analysis and interpretation from numerical estimations, to formulate rigorous theoretical conclusions.

The lecture contents

- Modelling and simulation of physical systems
- Theory of modelling and simulation
- Ordinary Differential Equations (ODE) - modelling with ODE
- Monte Carlo simulation methods
- Partial Differential Equations
- Integral Equations

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY; DIGITAL & TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION; OTHER DOMAIN OF STUDY (PHYSICS)

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 4h / week (lecture & practicals/tutorials)
PREREQUISITES	Programming Language(s), Algebra, Analysis, Differential Equations

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: COMPARATIVE POLITICAL AND GOVERNANCE SYSTEMS: MAJOR CONCEPTS AND ANALYTICAL TOOLS (SP2702)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Comparative Governance and European Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Students graduating this course are better equipped to understand domestic politics in any given political setting and thus able to hold a broader view of the mechanisms of international politics and foreign affairs.

At the end of the course, they have solidified the understanding of the basic political science concepts being at the same time better prepared to use them when analysing real-life political developments.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 2h / week
PREREQUISITES	<i>Skills-related:</i> Basic summarizing skills

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES IN AN INTERCONNECTED WORLD (SP2715)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Comparative Governance and European Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The class is based on the latest UNESCO report that states: “Creative industries are becoming increasingly important components of modern post-industrial knowledge-based economies. Not only are they thought to account for higher-than-average growth and job creation, but they are also vehicles of cultural identity that play an important role in fostering cultural diversity.”

The course in creative industries investigates a range of economic activities that are concerned with the generation or exploitation of knowledge and information, also be referred to as the cultural industries or creative economy.

The course aims to provide a wide range of skills necessary to address national and international publics, from writing an evaluation for a public or private body, to presenting action plans for networking in the international world of creative industries.

The course welcomes and encourages a cross-disciplinary engagement to establish working models for engagement within the creative and consumer-facing segments of a global information and media marketplace. The accent falls upon open debates, insights argumentation, quantitative and qualitative analytical approaches that can offer opportunities for planning practical projects, for developing personal and personal interests in communications, culture, and technology.

Note: Should the conditions allow it, site visits to various locations related to the creative industries will be organized apart from the class itself.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

CONTACT INFORMATION	Lect. Oana-Valentina Suciu, Ph.D. oana.suciu@unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 2h / week
PREREQUISITES	<i>Skills-related:</i> Basic summarizing skills

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: DATA SCIENCE AND DATA VISUALIZATION (SP1245)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Comparative Governance and European Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

This course is intended to offer a non-technical overview of the statistical models and techniques used in the social sciences (particularly in political science and sociology). The main goal of the course is to offer you the tools required to understand the logic behind the data and the analyses you see reported both in everyday life (in mass media) and in scientific papers.

To alleviate your fear of statistics, I must tell you that, in this course, we will not focus on the mathematical apparatus of statistical procedures - one does not need to solve equations and to know how to compute derivatives to understand the logic of statistics.

We will also not focus on learning how to use a computer program for statistical analyses - there are just too many of them (SPSS, Stata, SAS, and R being the most popular) and, in most cases, you will end up using the one your future employer is willing to buy. Rest assured, however, that learning how to use a particular computer program is quite easy once you absorbed the logic of statistics. We will use, however, Excel and other online tools for some exercises.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: EMERGENT GLOBAL CHALLENGES (SP2716)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Comparative Governance and European Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course “Emergent Global Challenges” reviews the evolution of the international system in order to enable an analysis of global trends and identify emerging challenges at a system and sub-systemic level. The course will be based on three core components – a theoretical component looking at how both IR and development theories enable us to understand systemic level changes, a methodological component looking at how we use qualitative and quantitative data for identifying and understanding global challenges, and a substantive component engaging with current emergent global challenges, such as the COVID-19 pandemic or transformation of war.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 2h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: GENRE ET POLITIQUE (SP1038)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Comparative Governance and European Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Les débats récents sur la loi de la parité, les statistiques qui dénoncent la faible participation des femmes aux décisions politiques, malgré leur présence à différents niveaux de la sphère politique, les critiques adressées par les études sur le genre aux institutions fondamentales des sociétés démocratiques – voilà autant de questions qui invitent la science politique et la sociologie à revenir sur les origines des démocraties occidentales et d'introduire le point de vue des "marginaux", des "outsiders". Le cours se propose d'examiner la construction de la participation politique des femmes dans les démocraties modernes et ses effets sur l'évolution de la conception de citoyenneté féminine et sur leur présence dans l'arène politique.

Le cours est conçu en trois parties, qui répondent aux interrogations formulées:

La première partie va explorer les fondements philosophiques de l'exclusion politique moderne des femmes. La deuxième partie du cours va présenter le rôle et la place assignés aux femmes dans différents régimes politiques, comme les régimes nationalistes et communistes. Enfin la dernière partie du cours sera focalisée sur la présence des femmes dans la sphère « publique » et « politique ». On va analyser des discours individuels ou collectifs, féministes et non féministes, afin de mieux comprendre les débats contemporains sur cette question. Le cours propose également aux étudiants une investigation de la vie politique actuelle de Roumanie afin d'essayer de voir quels sont les rôles et la contribution des femmes, ou encore quelle est la distribution du pouvoir dans les institutions politiques.

Le cours promeut une perspective dynamique, les étudiants étant invités à proposer de nouveaux sujets pour les discussions ou des textes à commenter. Il finira par une petite recherche personnelle, qui vise à stimuler les étudiants à appliquer la perspective théorique parcourue à un matériel empirique de leur choix.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO EUROPEAN STUDIES (SP1404)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Comparative Governance and European Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The objective of this course is to introduce to students some of the most important topics related to EU studies. It will do so by assessing the history of the European idea and the negotiations that led to the signature of the Paris Treaty in 1951, by a brief outline of the EU institutions and most important treaties, and by examining some conceptual and practical issues that are debated in nowadays European politics, such as enlargement, Europeanization, democratic deficit, or the future of Europe.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

CONTACT INFORMATION	Assoc. Prof. Ruxandra Ivan, Ph.D. ruxandra.ivan@unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: MÉTHODES DE RECHERCHE DANS LES SCIENCES POLITIQUES (SP1026)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Comparative Governance and European Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Le cours se propose de présenter les méthodes de recherche utilisées dans les sciences politiques (qui sont en grandes lignes, évidemment, les méthodes de recherche des sciences sociales). Les applications porteront exclusivement sur des sujets appartenant notamment au domaine politique.

La première partie du cours initie les étudiants dans la logique de l'élaboration d'un projet de recherche, présentant les principales étapes d'une recherche (question de départ, cadre théorique, historiographie du sujet, problématique, hypothèse, sources et méthodes de recherche) et insistant sur le processus réflexif et méthodologique de transformation d'un sujet de recherche dans un objet de recherche.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

CONTACT INFORMATION	Prof. Ionela Băluță, Ph.D. ionela.baluta@unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: POLITICAL REPRESENTATION OF MINORITIES IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE (SP2212)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Comparative Governance and European Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	7 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course is structured in 14 lectures (and the accompanying seminar): it begins with a conceptual clarification, regarding ethnicity, ethnic groups, ethnic minorities and the difference from the national minorities, the importance of ethnic conflicts in shaping or enhancing ethnicity. The first course also tackles the issues of self-determination, autonomy, and collective rights, since these are some of the most important issues that appear in the programs of the ethnic parties in Central and Eastern Europe. The second course summarizes the most important theories dealing with political representation and explains how they will be looked for in other spaces that the ones initially conceived for (to be more precise, the basic idea is to see if political philosophy concepts used to analyse Western, developed democratic political systems could also be applied in the case of transition democracies from Central and Eastern Europe and in the case of apparently some marginal parties). Next, the second course covers the most recent developments in the analysis of ethnic parties and proves that their existence should not be taken for granted, even if there are signs that they behaviour is the one of a small but highly cartelized party (in the approach put forward by Katz and Mair). The third course explains the reasoning that laid behind the choice of the case studies and puts forward a set of research questions and related hypotheses. The following weeks we move to the analysis per se of the Eastern European cases. Each country or group of countries are dedicated one or two chapters: a brief historical and political analysis of the respective country or region starting with the second half of the 19th century, going through World War I, the interwar period, World War II, the communist period, and the party system developments after the fall of communism. Unfortunately, the extremely unbalanced sources of information and the fact that the research conducted until the mid-1990s and even afterwards rarely took into consideration the variable “ethnicity” make comparisons extremely difficult. Nevertheless, secondary analysis is performed on numerous other materials: survey results, exit polls, party documents, official and un-official statements of politicians, interviews and, finally, a critical analysis of the already existing literature on the topic, in spite of the fact that it is highly un-equal and scattered.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

CONTACT INFORMATION	Lect. Oana Suciu, Ph.D. oana.suciu@unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case



CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE IN ASIA AND AUSTRALASIA (SP1438)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Comparative Governance and European Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces the main political, economic, social, and cultural dynamics of the countries situated in the area roughly eastwards of the Mediterranean, southward of Russia and westward of the Pacific. Outside this region, the political regimes, the political institutional arrangements, and the foreign policies agendas of these countries are often neglected or are conflated with those of the most vocal or biggest states in the area (e.g., Australia, China, India, Iran, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey), which are more often studied. Such absences and/or distortions not only limit our knowledge and the possibility of genuine comparative research in matters related to domestic and international governance, but they may also generate policy biases at global level, as well as essentialising simplifications and political myths such as the view that Asian countries would be culturally and politically doomed to be dictatorships, that only big countries would matter in international interactions or that conflicts in the region could be understood exclusively through religious lenses. The course aims to offer tools to counter such distortion and biases.

For this purpose, it first surveys the extremely rich and varied political landscape within the region, placing it in a larger historical, economic, socio-demographic, and cultural context. Then, it briefly presents a selection of major conflict and cooperation processes, aiming to identify the elements that have generated conflicts and facilitated cooperation, as well as the governance mechanisms established and/or affected by these dynamics. Finally, it assesses comparatively the main features of domestic and international governance in the region, discussing the opportunities and challenges that Asia and Australasia provide at regional and /or global levels.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

CONTACT INFORMATION	Assoc. Prof. Luciana Alexandra Ghica, Ph.D. luciana.ghica@unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	<i>Curriculum-related:</i> Basic political history knowledge, basic elements of public law, basic elements of international political economy <i>Skills-related:</i> Basic summarizing skills

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: PUBLIC OPINION, SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXTS (SP2713)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Comparative Governance and European Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

This course will offer an overview of current research in the field of social movements, with an emphasis on the interplay between social movements, the less structured public opinion, and the more structured field of civil society organizations. The field is wide open, composed of anti- or alter-globalization activists, environmental protection activists, human rights activists, women's issues activists, and countless other groups is an amorphous, constantly evolving arena of civic action. Its future is still in flux, and it will be determined by its own values, actions, and relationships with the other, more established, actors.

Following the life stages of a social movement, the main goal of this course is to better understand:

- 1) what social movements are / are not;
- 2) how have social movements developed over the last half century;
- 3) what are the links between social movements and other traditional actors;
- 4) what are the values of social movements; and
- 5) what are the effects of social movements at the national and international level.

The course has several learning objectives. First, it should provide students with a brief overview of the concepts, theories, and methodologies used in studying social movements. Second, the course will attempt to clarify the place of social movements within political science, sociology, and international relations. Third, the course will discuss these issues by placing them into the present-day context, offering students additional tools to understand current national and international events and developments.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 2h / week
PREREQUISITES	<i>Skills-related:</i> Intermediate research design terminology and methodology



CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE (SP1223)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Comparative Governance and European Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course aims determining students to think seriously about political and IR research and studies that have already been done; to consider carefully what researchers did in carrying out their studies and what they found. Last, but not least, the course aims not

only to facilitate understanding the techniques of social research in general and in international relations, but also to produce motivation for doing it, by encouraging students to find what is problematic in their environment and in the socio-political situations, or in contemporary domestic and international socio-political issues, that might tempt them to study these problems.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

CONTACT INFORMATION	Lect. Oana Valentina Suci, Ph.D. oana.suci@unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	<i>Skills-related:</i> Since this is a one-week class, presence is mandatory - 60% of the evaluation is based on the in-class activity. One cannot learn how to accomplish any kind of research if they are not present and discuss, in a civilized manner, various approaches to their own case studies. In-class debates are highly encouraged.

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: RESEARCH METHODS FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND EUROPEAN STUDIES (SP1421)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Comparative Governance and European Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course aims determining students to understand the main concepts that operate in the field of international relations and European studies, to think seriously about political and IR research and studies that have already been done; to consider carefully what researchers did in carrying out their studies and what they found.

Last, but not least, the course aims not only to facilitate understanding the techniques of social research in general and in international relations, but also to produce motivation for doing it, by encouraging students to find what is problematic in their environment and in the socio-political situations, or in contemporary domestic and international socio-political issues, that might tempt them to study these problems.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

CONTACT INFORMATION	Lect. Oana Valentina Suciu, Ph.D. oana.suciu@unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	<i>Skills-related:</i> Since this is a one-week class, presence is mandatory - 60% of the evaluation is based on the in-class activity. One cannot learn how to accomplish any kind of research if they are not present and discuss, in a civilized manner, various approaches to their own case studies. In-class debates are highly encouraged.

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: THE GLOBAL AGENDA OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS: CONCEPTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND ANALYTICAL TOOLS (SP2706)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Comparative Governance and European Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

This course presents the major topics and instruments for documenting, analysing and evaluating the current global agenda of international public affairs. The course introduces the classic debates and instruments for the study of international relations and then addresses the contemporary global agenda, with a focus on the UN system of international cooperation and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs, 2015-2030) agenda. Pending upon their availability, guest speakers – practitioners in the field - may be invited to some of the classes.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

CONTACT INFORMATION	Assoc. Prof. Luciana Alexandra Ghica, Ph.D. luciana.ghica@unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	<i>Skills-related:</i> Basic summarizing skills

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (SP1436)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Comparative Governance and European Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The aim of the course is to offer a general perspective of the main paradigms, theories and schools of thought in the discipline of International Relations.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

CONTACT INFORMATION	Assoc. Prof. Ruxandra Ivan, Ph.D. ruxandra.ivan@unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONALISM: POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND PROCEDURES (SP1221)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political and Constitutional Theory and History

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The aim of this course is to provide the students with a comprehensive view on the topic of constitutionalism.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

CONTACT INFORMATION	Prof. Ioan Stanomir, Ph.D. ioan.stanomir@unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: CRITICAL REASONING FOR INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS (SP2704)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political and Constitutional Theory and History

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

This course focuses on current approaches to critical thinking and reasoning, with a particular application for international affairs. Critical reasoning aims to develop abilities to assess statements, develop an approach based on reflective scepticism, as well as a capacity to critically analyse beliefs and decisions. Autonomous critical thinking is fostered both as a matter of analytical study and of practical illustration in examples and case studies.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	<i>Skills-related:</i> Basic summarizing skills

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: GLOBAL JUSTICE (SP1422)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political and Constitutional Theory and History

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The lectures intend to introduce second year IRES students to the basic concepts of global justice (justice, state, citizenship, migration, climate change justice, inequality, democracy, etc.), and the fundamental theories and objects of the discipline, with a special focus on the study of migration, environmental challenges, and inequality.

Each week's discussions will debate upon the basic concepts analysed during the lectures and will relate them to contemporary political issues (with reference to the Romanian and European contexts as well). Interdisciplinary readings from major authors will sustain the debates and will seek to engage the active judgmental and critical ability of students on important and controversial problems of contemporary social and political phenomena.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: POLITICAL ECOLOGY (SP1461)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political and Constitutional Theory and History

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

This course aims to explore the main ideas, actors, and strategies within contemporary environmental politics. We discuss the origins and the present state of green political thought and explore the ways in which various actors – including states, political parties, social movements, or corporations – have integrated, resisted, contested, co-opted, or reshaped attitudes toward environmental policy. We analyse the European and North Americans contexts, with an interest in the trans-national networks and the dissemination of ideas, repertoires, and strategies across borders. The post-socialist region represents a relevant case study exposing similarities and contrasts that add to the broader interest in understanding the contemporary significance of environmental politics.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: POLITICAL SCIENCE. SCOPE AND CONCEPTS (SP1224)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political and Constitutional Theory and History

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

This is a course to introduce the students to the various meanings of the concept of “political science” and to the controversies as to the domain and main methods of inquiry of political theory.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: A COMPARATIVE APPROACH TO POLITICAL ELITES (SP2211)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	7 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course offers a comprehensive overview of recent theories on political elites with special emphasis on the following three dimensions:

- 1) the similarities and contradictions between the elitist and decisional approaches,
- 2) the recruitment of political elites (MPs, ministers, mayors, local representatives etc.),
- 3) the importance of the political actors in shaping democratising processes (elite change, networks, and socialisation practices).

One of the main interests of the course will be to combine the presentation of different theoretical perspectives with empirical driven studies focusing on different elite types (from various countries and diverse political configurations). The last sessions deal with the challenges raised in the analysis of the contemporary political elites such as populism, the emergence of new (a)political actors or the politics of 'publicity'. The students will be encouraged to apply the various theoretical approaches on specific cases and to debate in a critical perspective the mandatory readings.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: ANTHROPOLOGIE POLITIQUE (SP1041)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

La première partie du cours sera consacrée aux principales orientations théoriques qui ont marqué l'histoire de l'anthropologie (évolutionnisme, fonctionnalisme, structuralisme, l'anthropologie interprétative).

Après avoir tracé ce tableau diachronique de la discipline, nous allons approfondir certaines thématiques centrales pour l'anthropologie politique : identité vs. altérité dans le discours anthropologique, l'anthropologie du (bio)pouvoir et de la gouvernance et la construction d'un (nouvel?) acteur politique - les populations autochtones.

Finalement, the troisième série de thématiques sera déterminée avec les étudiant(e)s, en tenant compte de leurs intérêts de recherche et des thèmes qu'elles/ ils auront choisi pour leurs mémoires de maîtrise. Les thématiques et références bibliographiques portant sur l'anthropologie muséales (la notion de « propriété culturelle » et les métamorphoses récentes du « droit de propriété » ; les politiques de la représentation ethnographique; les représentations muséales des identités/ histoires/ "nations") sont indicatives.

Le cours permet donc aux étudiants de connaître certains débats essentiels pour les sociétés contemporaines, de pouvoir d'historiciser ses débats, de comprendre le rapport qui a existé/ existe entre les sciences sociales et l'histoire politique des sociétés.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: ART(S) ET POLITIQUE(S) (SP1040)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Ce cours s'adresse aux étudiants de la 3^{ème} année et se propose de présenter d'une part la modalité de laquelle l'Etat moderne assume une fonction pédagogique en incluant l'art parmi ses préoccupations et d'autre part la façon dont l'art est une modalité de comprendre le politique, de contester ou soutenir les projets politiques.

Ainsi, dans une première partie on découvrira l'évolution du rôle de l'Etat dans la promotion de l'art (du patronat artistique à la création des musées et à l'articulation de politiques culturelles). Il sera question aussi de comprendre le rôle de l'art dans les régimes totalitaires (l'URSS, l'Allemagne nazie, l'Italie fasciste, la Chine communiste, le Cuba, la Corée du Nord) et autoritaires (les régimes de Franco ou de Pinochet).

Dans une deuxième partie il s'agira de traiter des différents types d'engagement artistique (de la critique au soutien des régimes politiques) et les rôles que l'artiste ou son message artistique ont joué, jouent ou peuvent assumer.

Pour cela on fera un court rappel de l'esthétique, de la philosophie de l'art et de la sociologie de l'art. Les séminaires seront dédiés à la discussion et analyse de différents exemples d'œuvres d'art : films, tableaux, chansons mais aussi « l'art de tous les jours » à Bucarest (le pochoir par exemple).

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: COMMON POLICIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (SP1437)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

This course offers an introduction into the policies of the European Union, as defined by the Treaty on European Union and by the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union. The course assumes that the students already have some notions of public policies and of the EU law and institutions. Therefore, the process of EU policy - making is presented as a part of a broader perspective of public policies. The EU is currently acting on areas where it has exclusive competence, in areas where its competence is shared with the competence of Member States and it acts to support, coordinate, and supplement the actions of the Member States. All these areas are carefully examined, considering the most recent developments and how the Financial Framework 2014 - 2020 will affect the functioning of the EU and Member States policies in these areas. A special attention is paid to the Common foreign and security policy and on Common security and defence policy, as EU common policies in external affairs and defence that are based on the coordination of some aspects of the national approaches in these areas.

All the areas where the EU is having an exclusive competence, shared competences or it acts together with the Member States are examined from the ECJ jurisprudence perspective. Especially in this area ECJ jurisprudence has been essential to define or to refine some key concepts from the Treaties or from the EU law. Every area that is examined considers landmark ECJ decisions. A special attention is paid to the subsidiarity and proportionality scrutiny of the EU common policies. Also, the areas that would emerge as areas where the EU would have shared or exclusive competence but are not on the list of these areas as defined by the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union (e.g., migration) are presented and discussed during this course.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	<i>Curriculum-related:</i> The course “EU Governance: Theories and practices”

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: COMPARATIVE LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES (SP1244)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The legislative process is of crucial importance for students of political science and law alike since it represents the procedural interface between the systemically distinct worlds of politics and law. To wit, law (i.e., constitutional law; legislation conditioning the law-making process (e.g., regulating lobbying); internal parliamentary law (Standing Orders); and customary procedural rules) constrains law-making politics, on the one hand. On the other, the law-making process is the way by which political decision-making is transformed and “crystallized” into objective legislation.

Although the discussions will focus on law-making processes in Anglo-Saxon legal systems and transnational political structures (primarily the EU), the conceptual problems covered during the semester are universal in nature and can be easily extrapolated to other jurisdictions. Comparisons with the Romanian legislative process will be made throughout the semester.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: CONSTRUCTIONS EUROPÉENNES, RELATIONS D'ETAT ET CIRCULATIONS INTELLECTUELLES (FIN XIXE SIÈCLE-DÉBUT XXIE SIÈCLE) (SP2612)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	7 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Le cours et les séminaires vont mettre en lumière trois niveaux où se sont manifesté les processus de coagulation et de dissolution de l'unité européenne depuis la fin du XIXe jusqu'au début du XXIe siècle :

- 1) celui des projets et des idéologies d'unification politique, partielle ou totale, du continent européen,
- 2) celui des relations interétatiques sur un continent qui inventa aussi bien l'Etat-nation qu'une forme sans précédent d'union économique et politique des Etats et, enfin,
- 3) le palier de la circulation des intellectuels, des courants et des réseaux intellectuels et des formes d'engagement politique des intellectuels en Europe.

Ces trois niveaux se croisent dans l'histoire du continent en participant à la redéfinition continuelle de l'identité européenne et en perpétuant la singularité politique et culturelle de cette partie du monde.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: DEMOCRATIC TRANSITIONS (SP2202)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

This course is dedicated to the transitions from non-democratic regimes to democracy. The first part of the course reviews the characteristic of the modern non-democratic regimes, i.e., totalitarian, and authoritarian regimes, and illustrates the difference between these two main categories. At the same time, this part underlines the wide variety of “really-existing” non-democratic regimes within both categories, as well as the difficulty of making typologies when considering all the forms which these regimes take in different regions of the world and at different moments in their evolutions. Finally, this part highlights that the type of non-democratic regimes existent prior to the transition influences the subsequent transition to democracy. The second part of the course deals with various case studies of transitions, which are selected in such a way as to cover a variety of paths from totalitarian and authoritarian regimes to consolidated democracies.

The selected cases represent the four major waves of democratization, which occurred in the twentieth century:

- 1) the post-WWII transitions in the former fascist dictatorships;
- 2) the transitions from authoritarian regimes in Southern Europe beginning with the 1970s;
- 3) the transitions from right-wing dictatorships in Latin America beginning with the 1980s; and
- 4) the transitions from communist regimes to democracy in East-Central Europe beginning with the 1990s.

The course also discusses the reciprocal influence of these transitions upon each other within the same wave, as well as between waves. A special attention is given to the problem of transitional justice, i.e., the treatment received by the perpetrators and the victims of the previous regimes under the new democratic order. In this respect, the course covers various processes of retribution and restitution, emphasizes their particularities, and draws the attention upon the inevitable limited character of these processes under the rule of law.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: ELEMENTS OF NATIONAL AND TRANSNATIONAL CONSTITUTIONALISM (SP2703)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	3 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course introduces the major structural and institutional elements of a legal system and basic notions of domestic and (to a lesser extent) international public law.

The methodology is comparative, insofar as notions and principles will be illustrated with their actual instantiation in paradigmatic liberal constitutional jurisdictions. For instance, when the concept/value of judicial independence is analysed, as an overarching concept of public law, the class will also overview different forms of judicial organization seeking to vindicate this value in various structural ways (i.e., Typologies, namely career judiciary/prestige judiciary and ii. institutional models, namely, Judicial Council model, bureaucratic model, Ministry of Justice model, “democratic” model).

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 2h / week
PREREQUISITES	<i>Skills-related:</i> Basic summarizing skills

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: ETATS, NATIONS, FRONTIÈRES, EMPIRES (SP2614)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	7 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Le cours examine les conditions historiques, politiques et idéologiques de l'avènement de la nouvelle légitimité politique, à savoir la souveraineté nationale. Les interrogations du cours porteront sur les processus politiques de construction des Etat-nations en Europe et de démantèlement des empires, et sur les controverses idéologiques dans l'acceptation de la nouvelle communauté politique, la « nation ». Le cours propose également quelques explications pour le nationalisme en Europe de l'Est, tout en examinant les rapports entre « modernité » et « retard ». Le cadre plus large du cours est la modernité politique et les mutations majeures qu'elle a introduites.

Des textes de base suivent la thématique de chaque cours.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: EUROPEAN CONSTITUTIONALISM (SP2213)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	7 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course scrutinizes the general dialectic of mutually influencing national and European processes of constitutionalism, focusing on recent developments, namely, the constitutional after-effects of the Lisbon Treaty and the problematics of the GFC measures (the ESM Treaty, the Fiscal Compact, OMT Program of the European Central Bank). The peculiar implications raised by the recent accession countries, i.e., the EU-related Central and Eastern European constitutional developments (implementation of the political acquis part of the Copenhagen criteria and the evolution of post-accession CVM monitoring in the case of Bulgaria and Romania) will also be discussed. In view of the relevance of these processes for the future of the Union and its Member States alike, the subject matter of this course is of direct interest to future graduate students (political science and international relations, public law, human rights) and practitioners (in the fields of public law, public policy, political consulting, national or EU administration) alike.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

CONTACT INFORMATION	Assoc. Prof. Bogdan Iancu, Ph.D. bogdan.iancu@unibuc.ro
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: GEOPOLITICS (SP1419)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The two main / general goals of the course are: to make students better understand the main concepts of geopolitics, and the main steps of the evolution of geopolitical thinking; and to significantly consolidate the ability of the students to operate with geopolitical concepts.

These two goals can shape, together, a clearly defined professional skill: that of dealing with basic elements of both geopolitical analysis and geopolitical forecasting. For students who, after graduating the BA program, decide to involve themselves in either an MA program or in a job of any sort, connected in a way or another to some responsibilities in understanding and presenting, for the benefit of various types of end-users, geopolitically significant realities, and evolutions, such a set of lectures and seminars might be an important professional asset.

Along the semester, each student will present a paper in front of the group / class (ONLINE); the topic of the paper will be indicated by the professor.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: GLOBAL ISSUES: POLITICAL VIOLENCE, SOCIAL INEQUALITY, ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS CONFLICTS (SP1225)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The aim of the course is to familiarize students with some of the current global problems. The global problems are those issues that affect not only numerous individuals or many countries, but those problems that affect the entire world and all the living people. The most relevant example is the climate change, which has become so visible in the most recent years that it is hard to continue ignoring it. Solutions to such global problems cannot be solved unilaterally, but must involve all communities and every country, which should cooperate towards overcoming these challenges. This course explores global problems in three interrelated areas:

- 1) political violence,
- 2) social inequality,
- 3) ethnic and religious conflicts.

The first part explores diverse types of political violence, in particular examples of state against citizens and citizens against states, while paying particular attention to the phenomenon of terrorism. The second part analyses the emergence of the global economic system and the increasing difference between the core countries and the so-called peripheries, while discussing the social inequalities in every society, as well as the attempts to foster the equality of opportunity among the members of a given community. The third part examines identity politics as major source of conflict and contentious relations between groups which define themselves according to cultural criteria, such as ethnicity or religion. The course emphasizes the responsibility of every citizen in raising awareness about these global problems, tackling, and overcoming them.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: GOUVERNANCE, INSTITUTIONS ET ORGANISATIONS INTERNATIONALES (SP1022)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Le cours vise à familiariser les étudiants avec un acteur particulièrement important de la scène mondiale contemporaine - les organisations internationales et régionales les plus connues. L'objectif est de leur donner une image plus complète de la manière dont les organisations internationales sont structurées et exploitées et à quel point elles sont importantes pour les États et les communautés humaines.

Il est essentiel que l'évolution de la vie internationale soit également analysée du point de vue des activités et des influences que les institutions internationales, qu'elles soient politiques, militaires ou économiques et financières, exercent actuellement sur le monde. Le sous-domaine des études « Organisations internationales » est multidisciplinaire, situé à l'intersection de la sociologie des relations internationales, de l'histoire des relations internationales et du droit international. Dans le séminaire, les textes pertinents seront analysés : traités ou résolutions créées par diverses organisations, analyses scientifiques ou stratégiques qui leur sont appliquées. Les étudiants doivent avoir une connaissance de base du fonctionnement des relations internationales contemporaines.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: GOUVERNEMENT ET INSTITUTIONS POLITIQUES EN ROUMANIE, XIXE-XXE SIÈCLES (SP1005)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Le cours se propose d'identifier et de décrire les caractéristiques fondamentales des institutions politiques et de la vie politique des Roumains aux XIXe et XXe siècles (1947). La première partie du cours porte sur les structures sociopolitiques et les institutions politiques de l'Ancien Régime roumain, en mettant l'accent sur leur évolution pendant la première moitié du XIXe siècle. Les évolutions politiques de la deuxième moitié du XIXe et du XXe siècles seront analysées à plusieurs niveaux: la constitution, l'évolution et l'activité des partis politiques ou des groupes politiques d'opinion; le régime politique et le système électoral de l'État roumain, l'évolution de l'État roumain de la monarchie constitutionnelle aux régimes politiques autoritaires (le roi Carol II et le maréchal Ion Antonescu), la position de la Roumanie dans le contexte international de l'entre-deux guerres et la politique étrangère de l'État roumain à cette époque.

Le cours se propose également d'identifier les éléments de continuité par rapport aux aspects nouveaux liés à la modernisation de l'État roumain à l'époque envisagée et de placer les évolutions sociopolitiques roumaines dans le contexte général européen.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN ROMANIA, XIX-XX CENTURIES (SP1205)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course covers the major topics in Romanian politics since the establishment of the modern state in the 19th century. Romania's evolution is analysed in a comparative perspective. Topics are tackled chronologically, but event-centred political history

represents only the background for in-class debates. Instead, the course focuses on the political development of Romania, and the profound societal changes underwent by the Romanian society in the last two centuries. Political institutions, political elites, and

political cultures represent the basic components that are studied for each political regime. Wherever necessary, political, and intellectual debates on various models of development are discussed as well.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: HISTOIRE DES IDÉES POLITIQUES I (SP1002)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Le cours se propose de familiariser les étudiants avec quelques concepts et thèmes essentiels pour l'étude de la pensée politique ancienne et moderne : les institutions politiques, les différentes conceptions sur la citoyenneté, les rapports entre l'Eglise et l'Etat, la typologie des régimes politiques, la séparation des pouvoirs, etc. Les fragments des ouvrages-source et ceux de la bibliographie critique seront discutés au cadre du séminaire, qui se propose d'approfondir les concepts et les thèmes présentés au cours.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT I (SP1202)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

This is an introductory course to the history of political ideas from Classical Greece to the end of the 18th century. It is designed as to provide an accessible introduction to some of the main concepts in political theory and to the context – social, cultural, and economic – of their development.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE, INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANISATIONS (SP1222)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course aims to familiarize students with a very important actor of the contemporary world stage - the best-known international and regional organisations. The purpose is to give them a fuller picture of how international organisations are structured, how they function and their importance to states and communities. It is essential that the evolution of international life is also analysed from the perspective of the activity and influences that the international institutions - be they political, military, or economic-financial - are currently exercising on the world stage. The sub-domain of studies "International Organisations" is a multidisciplinary one, located at the intersection of the Sociology of international relations, the History of international relations and international Law.

During the seminar, relevant texts will be analysed: treaties or resolutions created by various organisations, scientific or strategic analyses that are applied to them. Students must have a basic knowledge of the functioning of contemporary international relations.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY (SP1402)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The main purpose of this course is to present a comprehensive, up-to-date, and clear exposition of the theory and principles of international political economy that are essential for understanding, evaluating, and suggesting solutions to the important international economic problems facing the world today. The intent is to show that international political economy – with increased internationalization of production and finance - lies at the intersections of national and international affairs, of economic and political relations between States.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: INTERNATIONAL POLITICS: INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND DIPLOMACY (SP1226)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course will introduce to students the main topics of the nowadays international politics. Although having a historical part, necessary for the understanding of the present, the course mainly focuses on the most important issues at stake in today's world.

Thus, at the end of this course, students should be able to identify patterns of cooperation and conflict, to understand the importance of history in international politics, to have a consistent overview of the international State system, and to assess the effectiveness of international organizations, going beyond the mere description of events. Finally, the seminar aims at encouraging students to develop analytical and evaluative skills in their approach to international political issues.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: INTRODUCTION À LA COMMUNICATION POLITIQUE (SP1004)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Aujourd'hui, les dirigeants politiques contemporains remportent des victoires électorales grâce à leurs talents communicationnels (Manin 1995). La primauté d'un principe de publicisation de la vie politique - qui avait accompagné les reconfigurations structurelles dans la sphère publique- transforme la nature même de la représentation politique (Habermas 1966). La quête 'infatigable' de médiatisation, résultante directe de l'interdépendance entre l'activité politique et le développement des nouvelles technologies requièrent néanmoins une codification et une professionnalisation croissante des messages politiques. Des techniques communicationnelles semblent remporter la victoire par rapport aux idéaux de la délibération et de la transparence (Bennett et Manheim 2001).

A partir de toutes ces transformations dans l'articulation du pouvoir politique, le cours est destiné à fournir une introduction aux principales théories et notions-clé portant sur la communication, tout comme le décryptage des dimensions méthodologiques dans l'étude des pratiques politiques. L'objectif principal du cours est ainsi de comprendre les enjeux théoriques dans l'étude de la communication pour l'explicitation des grands processus politiques et leur évolution contemporaine (i.e. représentation politique, démocratisation, participation, etc.). Les outils de la communication politique deviennent ainsi des objets d'analyse dans la déconstruction du pouvoir. Les discours, les débats publics ou les campagnes de presse seront investigués à la base des instruments spécifiques pour mieux comprendre l'articulation de la scène politique et les pathologies des démocraties contemporaines.

En même temps, ces documents constitueront à leur tour des modèles de rédaction et des exemples dans l'apprentissage des techniques de base de la communication comme pratique. Le cours présente d'une manière conceptuelle les grands paradigmes de la communication, mais il se penche également sur l'espace de la communication définie à travers l'interaction directe de l'opinion publique, les politiques et les médias.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: INTRODUCTION À LA SCIENCE POLITIQUE (SP1001)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Le cours se propose de familiariser les étudiants avec les notions-clé de la science politique (État, régime, partis, élections, culture civique, participation, citoyenneté, idéologie, propagande, transition, etc.). Le séminaire va discuter les notions présentées dans le cours et proposer des applications à des situations politiques réelles : Le cours et le séminaire vont définir d'une manière explicite, mais aussi implicite, la science politique et sa capacité interprétative. L'approche historique – qui expliquera l'évolution des concepts, et l'approche comparative – qui mettra en évidence les différences d'institution/d'organisation du politique - vont fournir en fin de parcours un instrumentaire nécessaire dans l'étude d'autres disciplines du plan d'études.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL COMMUNICATION (SP1204)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Modern democracies are representative democracies in which the communications processes constitute the very core of the political systems (Manin 1997, Norris 2004). The inherent need of direct addressability, political transparency, and the quest for public exposure alter the very nature of political representation (Habermas 1991). Successful politicians are becoming increasingly dependent on their media talents and advertising strategies (Manin 1997). The adjustment of political communication to the new technologies implies 'the scientific engineering and targeting of messages that subordinate the ideals of deliberation and transparency to the achievement of narrow political goals.

The professionalization of communication techniques impacts not only the political settings, but also the interest articulation and voting behaviours (Bennett and Manheim 2001). Contemporary politics is systematically bridging communicative practices and policies. Paradoxically, the personalization and the professionalization of politics (Poguntke and Webb, 2005:5) doubled by an acute need for legitimacy (in the face of absent or deceived citizens (Norris, 1999) led to new political pathologies. 'Videocracy' emotional and anti-systemic discourses, pseudo-events (and post-pseudo-events trends) characterize the contemporary political campaigns. In most cases, nostalgia, the reinterpretation of political myths, colonized the electoral commercials, slogans, and rhetorical formulas, as in the case of any other commercial products (Ray, 2009).

The media-accelerated transformation towards infotainment and consumerism facilitated the emergence of populist claims. Moreover, the politicization of mass-media – regarding the overlapping ownership structures, the permeability of journalistic and political spheres, etc.- and the increased political control over media content (the replacement of a self-regulatory referential with 'agencification' reforms) currently challenge the media's watchdog function.

The lectures provide an overview of the main approaches in political communication with reference to the study of public opinion, political leaders and journalists (i.e., media-systems functions, political argumentation and persuasion, strategic communication, political advertisement). Although the class sessions will focus on communicational processes in Western democracies and on broad transnational trends, the conceptual debates and the study cases covered during the semester can be easily extrapolated to other political and media settings (i.e., comparisons with the ECE transformations will be made throughout the sessions).

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE



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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE (SP1201)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The lectures intend to introduce to the freshmen students the basic concepts of political science (regimes, state, political parties, ideology, propaganda, collective action, citizenship, transition, etc.), and the fundamental theories and objects of the discipline, with a special focus on study the main forms of states and regimes, and the theory and institutional arrangements of democracy.

Each week's discussions will debate upon the basic concepts analysed during the lectures and will relate them to contemporary political issues (with reference to the Romanian political system as well). Readings from some major authors of political science will sustain the debates and will seek to engage the active judgmental and critical ability of students on important and controversial problems of contemporary political phenomena.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: LA PROTECTION DES DROITS DE LA PERSONNE EN EUROPE (SP1001)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Les droits de la personne formulation actuelle de la très ancienne expression « droits de l'homme », devenus la référence obligée de tout discours moderne, se trouvent au cœur du débat international et européen des dernières années. L'harmonie européenne n'implique pas une authentique unification : les différences doivent subsister et c'est pourquoi y compris dans le domaine des droits de la personne, la marge d'appréciation de l'Etat est indispensable, tout autant que la possibilité de contrôle des autorités européennes, la recherche de ce point d'équilibre est une nécessité pour que l'ensemble du système européen soit viable.

Instruments utilisées Zoom suites Google for Education (mail, Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Meet, Google Sites, Google Calendar, etc.) et Microsoft for Education (Word, Excel, Teams, Calendar, Outlook, OneDrive ainsi que Turnitin et Google Classroom pour pouvoir télécharger vos présentations d'arrêt de la CEDH. Pour chaque cours les étudiants vont recevoir des matériels écrits et des adresses de sites à consulter afin de maximiser leur expérience du cours live on line en respectant l'emploi du temps du premier semestre.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: LA SCIENCE POLITIQUE. DOMAINE ET CONCEPTS (SP1024)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Le cours est composé d'une série d'exposés sur les thèmes majeures de la science politique (Etat, légitimité, etc.) et des discussions sur les textes dans le cadre du séminaire.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: LA VIE POLITIQUE FRANÇAISE: LA CINQUIÈME RÉPUBLIQUE (SP1039)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Notre analyse du système politique et de la vie politique française de la 5-eme république va partir de l'étude de la vie politique française, de son système partisan et du régime constitutionnel, pour arriver aux cultures politiques qui s'affrontent dans l'espace public actuel.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: LITERATURE AND POLITICS: DYSTOPIAN FICTION AS SOCIAL CRITIQUE (SP1248)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course provides the students with challenging fictional texts dealing with the critique of social systems by means of dystopian visions. The main theoretical reference is given by M. Keith Booker, who emphasizes the importance of new perspectives such texts may render, contending that dystopian literature has the “ability to illuminate social and political issues from an angle not available to conventional theorists and critics.” We focus mainly on novels that received appraisal by various literary critics as political or utopian satires, or political dystopias; the sub-genre of science-fiction will not be completely rebuked, but not addressed as such either, due to the plethora of scientific, technical digressions. Dystopia will be regarded as a hybrid genre whose emphasis is placed on the poignancy of individual suffering, since apart from the character of allegorical accounts of specific political structures it is also concerned with dramatized depictions of the human condition in various modern societies.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: NATIONALIST POLITICS AND MULTICULTURALIST THEORY IN HISTORY (SP2203)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course explores the subject area of the genesis, social construction, ideological sources and historical varieties of national identities and nationalist politics, moving on then to consider the topic of multinational citizenship in the wider framework of the multicultural predicament in modern and contemporary politics. Special emphasis is placed, in turn, on a critical examination of the modernist paradigm of understanding the nature and history of nationalism; on the debates revolving around the evaluation of nationalist experiences in terms of inclusiveness and exclusiveness; and on the liberal pluralist approach to the issue of cultural diversity as it relates to various state and national contexts.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: PARTIS ET IDÉOLOGIES POLITIQUES (SP1021)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

La consolidation des partis politiques et l'institutionnalisation des systèmes de partis sont censées limiter le pouvoir discrétionnaire et les dérives institutionnelles. Or, partout en Europe, les partis politiques sont en crise. Ces acteurs politiques contemporains présentent plutôt des caractéristiques systémiques liées à la cartellisation politique – l'éloignement des dirigeants par rapport aux membres et aux activistes, la professionnalisation politique comme forme d'ossification des partis dans les fonctions publiques, la dépendance financière des ressources de l'État. Le déclin des idéologies classiques, notamment la perte de vitesse des familles politiques traditionnelles par rapport à la montée des populismes, contribue encore plus à la définition d'un désarroi quasi généralisé des citoyens par rapport à la vie des partis. Le cours présente d'une manière conceptuelle les grandes évolutions historiques, politiques et sociologiques des partis politiques à la fois d'une perspective organisationnelle et discursive. Le cours est destiné à fournir une introduction aux théories et notions-clé portant sur les partis politiques, tout comme les instruments d'analyse des pratiques politiques des partis politiques.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: PENSÉE POLITIQUE FRANÇAISE DANS LE CONTEXTE EUROPÉEN (1789-1914) (SP1042)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Le cours se propose de retracer le grand parcours de la construction de la pensée politique française, à travers les principaux œuvres des auteurs du XIXème siècle. Ce siècle se définit par une double identité en rupture : d'une part, la réflexion sur la Révolution française, que l'on essaie d'expliquer de différentes manières et, d'autre part, la réaction à la tradition contractualiste, concernant l'individu et ses rapports avec le pouvoir politique.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: POLITICAL MODERNITIES IN SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE (SP2214)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	7 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

There is much talk about modernity and modernization, as well as about globalization and its effects upon the world in which we live. This course is dedicated to the origins of this phenomenon, more precisely, to the process of modernization in which, beginning with Western Europe, all societies engaged over the last two centuries. Consequently, all developments associated with modernization, such as the transformations in the political sphere, the economy, and the social structure, as well as the numerous, and often conflicting, theories developed to analyse and explain the phenomenon – from Karl Marx and Max Weber to Immanuel Wallerstein and Piotr Sztompka – will be at the core of class discussions. During the first part of this course, various paradigms through which the process of modernization and all related developments were interpreted will be highlighted during lectures and discussed during seminars. In the second part of this course, the attention will be directed towards the way in which modernization affected our region, that is, Southeast Europe. Finally, the prospects of Southeast European countries – Romania included – to be integrated into the global world will be critically assessed.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: POLITICAL SCIENCE AND OPEN-SOURCE ANALYSIS (SP1439)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

This course built a sensemaking platform between political science and those features of the intelligence field related with the critical thinking characteristics of the academic thought. The open philosophy supporting the Euro-Atlantic democratic framework of values is supplemented in terms of political science and some related realms ranging from sociology, psychology, international relations, a.o. up to an interoperable setting requested by the complexity of contemporary political decision-making processes.

In terms of research a class of models, methods and techniques are identified to offer pathways to treat open problems with theoretical relevance for the main analytic process, the estimation process (Kent's meaning). In terms of applications the models here exposed cover relevant problems from domestic political science, international relations and other realms requested by the political, intelligence and decision-making communities.

Using mathematical communication theory in a non-technical setting e.g., diagrammatic representation the student can identify the open sources information as an input data and consequently with minimal change to treat within the same methodology opaque information. This feature is highly requested in both governmental (e.g., security agencies) and corporate sectors (e.g., banking) which are increasingly the employers for the intelligence skills of the academic graduates.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: POLITICS AND SOCIETY IN MODERN EUROPE (SP1203)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course treats the political development of Europe over the early modern period and during the 19th century, in connection to the underlying social and economic transformations. It is introduced by a condensed survey of the medieval background, thus disclosing the origins of European historical peculiarities by comparison to the other agrarian civilizations, to better circumscribe their world-wide impact and global significance. Special emphasis is placed on the characteristics of the modern state and state-system, in relation with the advent and unfolding of the process of industrialization.

The geographical focus is on the western part of the continent, whose historical evolution is nevertheless related to developments in the eastern region. Aiming all throughout at tracing main trends and patterns of change, while at the same time underscoring the most significant facts and historical agents, the course is also targeted at disclosing the overlapping concerns of historical inquiry and of the social sciences.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: POLITIQUE ET SOCIÉTÉ DANS L'EUROPE MODERNE (SP1003)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	5 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Le cours et les séminaires traitent les différents moments et aspects de l'histoire politique de notre continent depuis la veille de la Révolution française jusqu'au renversement du régime tsariste en Russie et la fin de la Première guerre mondiale. L'accent est mis sur l'histoire des relations internationales, sur la cristallisation des différents courants politiques et idéologiques ainsi que sur la mise en place et les traits des différents régimes politiques. Les aspects économiques et sociaux sont étudiés en relation avec le politique.

La démarche chronologique est doublée d'une problématisation qui attire l'attention sur certains moments forts de l'histoire du continent – révolutions de 1848, Guerre de Crimée, Première guerre mondiale – ainsi que sur certains pays ou régions du continent.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: POLITIQUE ET SOCIÉTÉ EN AMÉRIQUE LATINE (SP1023)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Ce cours s'adresse aux étudiants de la 2ème année et se propose, par une série de présentations générales, d'introduire l'étude politique du continent latino-américain. Afin de comprendre les données actuelles de la politique latino-américaine, il faut avoir premièrement une vue d'ensemble sur l'histoire politique du continent. Comment comprendre autrement l'importance de l'élection de Daniel Ortega comme président du Nicaragua en 2006 sinon par un retour sur la révolution sandiniste ? Comment déceler le sens du malaise diplomatique entre le Chili et la Bolivie sinon par la perte de l'accès au Pacifique par celle-ci après la guerre avec le même nom un siècle auparavant ? On parle maintenant de néo-populisme en Amérique latine, mais qui furent les 'modèles' ? Ce type de questions trouvera une réponse après ce cours introductoire.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: POSTCOMMUNISM / POSTCOLONIALISM: SIBLINGS OF SUBALTER(N)ITY (SP2204)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course offers a comparative perspective on postcolonial and post-communist cultures against the epistemic background of late modernity/postmodernity, an age when the old political and economic scaffolding of both capitalist and communist empires collapsed only to give way to new forms of domination. Hence, the course treats former colonies and former satellite communist states as siblings of subalter(n)ity. The aim is to highlight generic and structural similarities between traumatized post-imperialist cultures, on the one hand, and historical and ideological differences, on the other. Also, I am expecting that, by the end of the course, students will be able to understand the overlaps and intersections between the two conditions and between their methodologies to derive a more comprehensive and accurate picture of coloniality in the (post)modern age.

The agenda of this course is to rekindle the militant relevance and political involvement of cultural studies in the new context of post-communism and to alert students to the global implications of domination and dependency. Postcolonial criticism has always been an effort on behalf of minor/marginal cultures not only to expose and understand the way in which a hegemonic centre subdued and manipulated the development of their identity, but also to resist that pressure and rectify their situation. By turning the critical lens of cultural studies on Romania and Eastern Europe's own recent history as a mosaic of marginalized and abused cultures, the course is prompting students to engage their own colonized/colonizing identities and to take a stance in terms of culture politics.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: PUBLIC POLICIES (SP1237)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course aims to familiarize students with the theoretical and practical notions specific to public policies and to train them to apply the concepts acquired in the analysis and development of public policies. Students will be able to identify and define concrete public issues and act to promote them. They will also have a structured picture of the actors involved in public policy making and their roles. Thus, the skills acquired during this course ensure access to occupations such as advisor or expert in national or European public administration, public sector consultancy or various projects and programs implemented by NGOs, specific activities of professional associations in the field of equal opportunities policies, etc.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: THE ROMANIAN LEGAL SYSTEM (SP1243)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

The course is designed to introduce students to Romania's law and legal system. Specific attention will be given to how the Romanian system regulates individuals and legal persons and to how, legal rules and the interpretation and application of legal rules, the legal relationship, and the legal responsibility. This course is geared towards providing students with the basic knowledge of all aspects of the law, and critical legal thinking as well as encouraging them to develop skills of analysis and problem solving through the application of legal rules.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: THÉORIES DE LA DÉMOCRATIE (SP1025)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	4 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Le cours analyse l'évolution des théories sur la démocratie à travers l'histoire de la pensée politique, en privilégiant la manière de définir la démocratie au cadre de la modernité en rapport avec les notions de liberté, état de nature et consentement politique. On discute également le rapport entre la démocratie et sa contestation dans les régimes totalitaires, tout comme le revirement de la démocratie au cadre des courants politiques d'après-guerre (démocratie chrétienne et libéralisme).

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: THÉORIES ET PRATIQUES DU POLITIQUE (SP2601)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	French	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	7 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

Le cours analyse l'évolution des théories sur le consentement politique et la démocratie à travers l'histoire de la pensée politique médiévale et moderne. On privilégie aussi la manière de définir la démocratie au cadre de la modernité en rapport avec les notions de liberté, état de nature et consentement politique, tout en analysant les pratiques politiques spécifiques à chaque moment historique. On discute également le rapport entre démocratie et libéralisme, tout comme le revirement de la démocratie au cadre des courants politiques d'après-guerre (notamment la démocratie chrétienne).

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	Not the case

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: VOTING SYSTEMS AND POLITICAL REPRESENTATION IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE (SP2201)

Faculty of Political Science – Department of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	6 ECTS	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	100 students

DESCRIPTION:

This is a course designed to be an introduction to the major themes in the theory and history of the democratic regimes. It will focus on relatively less well-explored aspects of democracy and will include arguments of some of the main critics of the democratic regime.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	October 2021 – January 2022 3h / week
PREREQUISITES	<i>Course:</i> Online, on the Microsoft Teams platform, 30% live, 70% recorded <i>Seminar:</i> Online, on the Microsoft Teams platform, live

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: ASSESSMENT IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences – Department of Teachers Training

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Master
CREDIT POINTS	Not credited	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	200 students

DESCRIPTION:

This course will discuss the meanings of assessment considering the complexity of the topic and the emerging pedagogy demands for new forms of assessment. The approach is distinct from previous paradigmatic negotiations or literature reviews on assessment and evaluation. Substantial contributions from the conceptual network of the key terms are systematized along relevant knowledge in the fieldwork. What means assessment is inherently linked to the following analysis categories: a management action, an activity in which the results are reported to criteria-related; a process of collecting information about the learner, about the teacher or about the educational activities; a part of the decision-making process; a way to relate the educational program to the purpose; a manner to judge the value of ideas, situations, tasks, materials and aids, and so on; a formal measurement of learning; a form of improving the education; a practice, etc.

These selected patterns are connected to the contents:

- 1) Assessment Multiliteracies (conceptual network, system of meanings, paradigms, paradoxes, functions, etc.)
- 2) Semantic Dissonance: Assessment versus Evaluation or Assessment means Evaluation?
- 3) Purposes of the Assessment
- 4) Outcomes of the Assessment from Emic to Ethics
- 5) Assessment Methods (Portfolio, Project, Essay, Oral Method, Problem-Based Learning, Poster Assessment, The Software of the Assessment, etc.)
- 6) Moral Agency and Social Dissonance in the Errors of Assessment
- 7) Innovations in Assessment? Yes, but
- 8) Assessment and Communication in Terms of Cognitive Dissonance
- 9) Lesson, Learning and the Assessment
- 10) Accumulating Lessons from Cognitive, Semantic and Social Dissonance in Assessment

As part of quality control, the assessment of the students will be based on student feedbacks, tests, classroom oral competency assessment, problem solving, poster, case study, e-portfolios. This sophisticated research focuses on assessment, but there are multi-faceted issues involved: communication, information retrieval, self-monitoring, self-esteem analysis, critical analysis, problem-solving, etc. The investigation also connects, alongside the study, a complex view based both, an interactive model of assessment (intended and unintended antecedents, transactions, outcomes) and assessment paradoxes. The scientific approach maintains the dichotomy between the concurrent perspective of the assessment (the processes involved in assessment are considered key factors) and the subsequent assessment (summative purpose). The teaching methods, tools and strategies will be the following: case studies, action research, workshops, PBL, problem solving, debates, etc.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE

CONTACT INFORMATION	Assoc. Prof. Victorița Trif, Ph.D. victoriatrif@yahoo.com
PERIOD OF THE COURSE	Date TBC 8h (one day course)
PREREQUISITES	Bachelor's degree

CIVIS OPEN ONLINE COURSE CATALOGUE

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

TITLE: EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY: BETWEEN CERTITUDES AND UNCERTAINTIES

Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences – Department of Teachers Training

LANGUAGE(S)	English	LEVEL OF STUDY	Bachelor
CREDIT POINTS	Not credited	LIMITED ATTENDANCE	200 students

DESCRIPTION:

A systematic review of the literature on recent educational psychology reveals a rebranded jigsaw that contains classic texts, updated and revised research, as well as prospects of strategies to managing behavioural difficulties according to the educational psychology services. Beyond the familiar preferences of the previous critical studies in the fieldwork, which reconsiders the topics trend analysis, citations, individual differences, statistics, content analysis, educational psychology deconstruction, or research methodology, this exegesis delineates four major themes considered important for the future development of theories, practices from the educational psychology services, and public policy.

The title of the course and of the textbook “Educational Psychology: Between Certitudes and Uncertainties” is relevant for the dynamic and low predictable research from genetics, neurosciences, technologies, and empirical evidence of the relationship between mind, brain plasticity, communication, and education that produces challenges and exchanges across sciences. There are various perspectives on the epistemology in the field, new results of experiments, different hermeneutics and misinterpretations of data collected, multiple scientific simulations, and diverse substantial evaluative data. Eccentric, exotic, and strange theories of the new epistemic communities coexist with traditional approaches of educational psychology.

This new framework argues that this book is to be considered a unique and realistic way to rebuild the incongruities and paradoxes in this area. Naturally, “certitudes and uncertainties” is a common denominator for the existing sophisticated academic conventions and for the immense potential of continuous professional development. Because of Covid-19 the state of the art reflects a new trend in conceptual fabric of educational psychology, and an attitude toward an academic market in the age of many battles in the world of science.

The course will examine the polarized paradigms from educational psychology, combining parallel explanations and concerning the identity of the scientific domain. The questions included in “prospecting future” (“New hypotheses in science? Crisis in educational psychology? Is the educational psychology a puzzle of rivalry paradigms?”) are in interdependence, both with future trends in the fieldwork and with a new comprehension of uncontrolled multiliteracy. The content is related to the transition of educational psychology from simplicity to complexity using critical thinking as a strategy for the evolution of educational psychology.

A variety of teaching methods and tools will be used: action research, case studies, PBL, problem solving, stories, slides, models, webinars, etc. As part of quality control, the assessment of the students will be based on student feedbacks, tests, classroom oral competency assessment, problem solving, poster, case study, e-portfolios and so on.

THEMATIC CIVIS AREA(S): SOCIETY, CULTURE, HERITAGE



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PERIOD OF THE COURSE	Date TBC 14h
PREREQUISITES	Not the case