

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

<b>University:</b> Comenius University in Bratislava	
<b>Faculty:</b> Faculty of Law	
<b>Course ID:</b> PraF.KMPMV/ ENm17-3102/17	<b>Course title:</b> International Relations
<b>Educational activities:</b> <b>Type of activities:</b> lecture / seminar <b>Number of hours:</b> <b>per week:</b> 1 / 2 <b>per level/semester:</b> 14 / 28 <b>Form of the course:</b> on-site learning	
<b>Number of credits:</b> 3	
<b>Recommended semester:</b> 1.	
<b>Educational level:</b> II.	
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	
<b>Course requirements:</b> Interim evaluation: 40 percent (submission of four papers based on “Read and Write” that shall critically evaluate current international relation issue based on specific articles) Final evaluation: 60 percent (written examination – case study and / or discussion) Classification: A/1 = 91 – 100 percent B/1,5 = 81 – 90 percent; C/2 = 73 – 80 percent; D/2,5 = 66 – 72 percent; E/3 = 61 – 65 percent; FX = 0 – 60 percent Open book examination: allowed usage of all available sources of legal information, especially non-commented legislation (treaties, agreements, statutes, documents, decisions), commentaries, jurisprudence, legal literature and legal information systems (e.g. treaty databases)	
<b>Learning outcomes:</b> The aim of the course is to familiarize students with basic terms, theories and models in international relations, with regard, inter alia, diplomatic studies, and allow them their critical analysis. The emphasis is given to setting of international relations and their emanation to diplomacy, with a focus structural and intercultural aspects. Second focus is given to domestic and international news, international positions and problems connected to actors in state. Third focus is the basics of diplomatic strategies. Fourth and final analysis selected problems with regard to diplomatic mission: strengthening of managing of conflicts. While focus will be given to diplomatic organs, emphasis will be given to behavioral dimension, i.e. to conduct of actors with a view of effective diplomacy in current globalized world. Evaluation of utility of theories will be given through historical case studies. Due to its theoretical nature, the course will not deal with causes of historic events. The focus will be also given to the ability of students to develop own hypothesis.	
<b>Class syllabus:</b> 1. Theories of international relations 2. Historic aspects of international relations 3. Global Westphalian system 4. Emerging of the Cold War 5. Deepening of the Cold War in 60's 6. Current international security environment 7. Foreign policy of the USA	

8. Russia and its place in the World
9. Islam and international relations
10. China and India as actors of international relations
11. Middle East – epicenter of conflicts
12. International Terrorism
13. Basic strategic trends of the 21st century
14. Current issues of international relations

**Recommended literature:**

Christian Reus-Smit and Duncan Snidal: The Oxford Handbook of International Relations. Oxford University Press, 2008

John Baylis and Steve Smith: The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations. Oxford University Press, 2017

Henry A. Kissinger: Diplomacy. Simon&Schuster, New York 1994

News & Media, international instruments, documents, decisions, etc.

**Languages necessary to complete the course:**

English

**Notes:**

**Past grade distribution**

Total number of evaluated students: 5

A	ABS	B	C	D	E	FX
80,0	0,0	20,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0

**Lecturers:** JUDr. Metod Špaček, PhD.

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**Approved by:**