

Course title: Philosophical and Political Thinking: *Political Problems of the Contemporary World*

Course code: MSA0942

Type of course: compulsory

Level of course: MA

Year of study: 2nd

Semester: 4th

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 3

Name of the lecturer: George Poede

Course objective: 1. To familiarize the students with the fundamental axiological and cultural issues of the political system, of the political institutions and the typology of the opinion, behavior and political culture in modern age. 2. To highlight the various paradigmes of interpretation of the power of the state, as well as of the other institutions. 3. To analyze the main political problems of contemporary society.

Course contents: Globalization; international political economy; international and global security in the post-Cold War age; transnational actors and international organizations in global politics; the revolution in communication caused by the internet; world trade; European and regional integration; the environment in the contemporary world; nuclear proliferation and potential tensions in international relationships.

Recommended reading: John Baylis and Steve Smith, *The Globalization of World Politics. An Introduction to International Relations*, Second Edition, Oxford University Press, 2002; Barry Buzan, Ole Weaver, Jaap de Wilde, *Security. A New Framework for Analysis*, Lynne Rienner Publishers, Boulder London, 1998; Robert Jackson, Georg Sørensen, *Introduction to International Relations*, Oxford University Press, 1999; Paul R. Viotti, Mark V. Kauppi, *International Relations and World Politics. Security, Economy, Identity*, Prentice Hall, New Jersey, 2001; John Tomlinson, *Globalizare si cultura*, Editura Amarcord, Timisoara, 2002

Teaching methods: lectures, workshops

Assessment methods: homework; final (written) test

Language of instruction: English