

| | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Name of the subject: Theories of State and Governance | Neptun-code: KDRIDK152 | Credits: 5 |
| Type of course ¹ (lecture / seminar / practice / consultation) and lessons: lecture (10 weeks 20 lessons: full time training; 5 weeks 10 lessons: part time training) | | |
| Assesment's method (exam / practical course mark / other ²): Creating an assignment on one of the subjects proposed by and consulted with the lecturers | | |
| Local curriculum of the subject (Semester No.): | | |
| Pre-study requirements (<i>if any</i>): - | | |
| <p>Course description: The subject <i>State and Governance Theories</i> introduces the theoretical models of understanding the state – identified as a social, political and legal phenomenon – conceptually, and explains the relationship between state theory, governance studies and state sciences in a theoretical way. The course consists of historical-sociological, theoretical and conceptual-analytical parts synthesized by a social-theoretical perspective.</p> <p>Curriculum: Topics taught under the subject</p> <p>Full time:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The formation, articulation and scientific classification of state sciences. State theory as a general state science. The theory of the state and the study of the state. The aim, goal, method and significance of state theoretical cognition. State theory and governance studies. 2. The formation and phylogeny of the theory of the state. Political philosophy and political theology. State theoretical thinking in the ancient times: Eastern, Greek and Roman theories of state. State theoretical thinking in the Middle Ages: Christian theory of the state. The Reformation's theory of the state. 3. Philosophical, scientific and political theories of the modern state. Natural law; natural law theories of the state of Jean Bodin, Hugo Grotius, Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Montesquieu and Jean-Jacques Rousseau. The state philosophies of the German idealism. The development of the theory of the state in the 19th and 20th centuries: the reign of law and rule of law theories, the German-Austrian-Swiss traditions of the studies of the state. Political theories of the modern state: liberalism, conservatism, socialism, nationalism and their variations. 4. Scientific theories of the state: Georg Jellinek, Max Weber, Hans Kelsen, Carl Schmitt, Hermann Heller and Rudolf Smend. Jurisprudential and sociological theories of the state. The state as social phenomenon and institution: the theory of state functions and state goals (formal/material, expansive/restrictive). The broad and narrow, formal (science) and material (politics) concepts of the state. 5. State and society. The evolutionary classification of the state: absolute state, constitutional state, totalistic state, welfare state, developmental state. Totalistic state versus totalitarian state. State type, state model, state system. State organization: typologies of state organs (jurisdiction, competence, authority), the modern state and the bureaucracy. 6. Elements of the formal concept of the state: state power (power, rule, sovereignty, authority, legitimacy, legality). State and violence: theories of justifying the state (faith of legitimacy: obligation of obedience, denying obedience). State and law: the law-boundedness of the state (reign of law/rule of law), constitution, public law, private law. Sovereignty as state theoretical, constitution theoretical and political concept. State sovereignty, popular sovereignty, and national sovereignty. Total and limited sovereignty. State and democracy. State and human rights. | | |

¹ **Ftv. 147. § lesson:** occupation requires the personal assistance of a lecturer in order to fulfil the study requirements determined in the curriculum (lecture, semianar, practice, consultation)

² For example: mid-year assessment

7. Elements of the formal state concept: population (subject, citizen, foreigner). Citizenship as political quality and legal relationship. Royal sovereignty. Features of the national population: homogeneity, heterogeneity, plurality.
8. Elements of the formal state concept: state territory (territorial sovereignty, state borders, territorial changes). Extent of the states: small states, great powers, empires. Regionalism, regional autonomies. The origins and the termination of states: failing and fallen states.
9. Theory of State of the European Union. History of the European ideas of unity. Sovereignty and subsidiarity, statehood and constitutionalism in the European Union.
10. Theories of the good state and the good governance. Concept and tendencies of the government-governance approaches. Global governance and the new methods of governance (multilevel governance, MLG). Interpretation frameworks of multilevel governance: concepts and theoretical models.

Part time:

The topics described above, in a compressed and selected form which can be presented in 10 lessons.

Competencies:

The aim of the course is to introduce PhD students to the problems and concepts of state and governance theories, and to the special perspectives of certain state and governance theories. Based on this approach, students must be able to learn and individually apply the principal theoretical knowledge of state and governance during the creation of their doctoral dissertation.

The **3-5** most important *obligatory* and *recommended* bibliography (lecture notes, textbooks) with the bibliographic data (author, title, publishing data, pages, ISBN)

Obligatory bibliography:

- Max Weber: *Economy and Society*. 2 volumes. Edited by Guenther Roth and Claus Wittich. Berkeley and Los Angeles, 1977, University of California Press.
- Max Weber: *Political Writings*. Edited by Lassman P. and R. Speirs. Cambridge, 1994, Cambridge University Press.
- Kelsen, Hans: Law, State and Justice in the Pure Theory of Law. In Kelsen, Hans: *What is Justice? Justice, Law and Politics in the Mirror of Science*. Collected Essays by Hans Kelsen. Berkeley and Los Angeles, 1960, University of California Press, 288-302.
- Kelsen, Hans: *General Theory of Law and State*. Translated by Anders Wedberg. New York, 1961, Russel & Russel, [Part two: The State. 181-388.]
- Schmitt, Carl: *The Concept of the Political*. Expanded Edition. Translated and with an Introduction by George Schwab. Chicago and London, 1996, The University of Chicago.
- Liesbet Hooghe, Gary Marks: *Multi-level governance and European Integration*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2001. Bache.
- Ian and Flinders, Matthew (eds.): *Multi-level Governance*. Oxford, 2004, Oxford University Press.
- Endre J. Nagy: Polanyi on Liberty. In: R.T. Allen (Ed.): *Freedom, Authority and Economics*. Vernon Press. 2016. 11-46.

Selected bibliography:

- Anter, Andreas: *Max Weber's Theory of the modern State. Origins, structure and Significance*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.
- Bache, Ian: *Europeanization and Multi-Level Governance: Cohesion Policy in the European Union and Britain*. Lanham (US) and Oxford 2008, Rowman and Littlefield.

- Conzelmann, Thomas-Smith, Randall (eds.): *Multi-Level Governance in the European Union*. Taking Stock and Looking Ahead. Nomos, 2008, Baden-Baden.
- Fowler, Michael Ross – Bunck, Julie Marie: What constitutes the sovereign state? *Review of Internationale Studie*, Volume 22, Issue 4, 1996, 381-404.e
- Heywood, Andrew: *Political Ideologies. An Introduction*. 5th edition, Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.
- Kymlicka, Will: *Contemporary Political Philosophy. An Introduction*. 2nd edition, Oxford, 2002, Oxford University Press
- Liesbet Hooghe, Gary Marks: *Multi-level governance and European Integration*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2001. Bache.
- Mouffe, Chantal: *On the Political*. London – New York, 2005, Routledge.
- Wolff, Jonathan: *An Introduction to Political Philosophy*. 3rd edition, Oxford, 2016, Oxford University Press.

Subject leader (*name, status, title*): Prof. Dr. Cs. Lajos Kiss CSc., research professor

Other teachers (*name, status, title*)

Prof. Dr. Endre Nagy professor, Dr. Zsuzsanna Fejes PhD. associate professor, Dr. Alex Pongrácz PhD. senior lecturer, Dr. Tamás Kaiser PhD. associate professor, Dr. habil. Jenő Szmodis PhD. teacher with habilitation, associate professor, Dr. Antal Szerletics, PhD. senior lecturer,