

COURSE PROGRAM

1. **Course code:** KKS7BM16
2. **Course title** (in English): *Efficiency Problems of the Fragile States*
3. **Department where the subject's tuition is going to take place:** *ÁNTK Lőrincz Lajos Közigazgatási Tanszék*
4. **Name of the teacher responsible for the course:** *Prof. Dr. Bordás Mária*
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7. **Credit value:** 2
8. **Number of classes:** full time course 14 lectures
9. **Language of teaching the course:** English
10. **Classes to be held:** every Monday, 6 p.m. – 18.45 p.m. Classroom: No. O305
11. **Requirements of preliminary studies:** no
12. **The frequency of advertising the course, its semester position in the curriculum:**
autumn and spring term
13. **Course type:** freely optional on bachelor and master courses, or ERASMUS students

Topics of the Course

1. Development of the Ancient States in the Middle-East and Africa – to compare with Western states
2. State and religion in the three monotheist religions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam
3. Role of Reformation in Europa and Islam in the states' modernization processes
4. Development of the Islam in the Middle Ages
5. The relevance of political Islam in the Islamic World
6. Islamic fundamentalism and the radical Islam - the Muslim Brotherhood
7. Colonialism – Modernization problems in the Islamic world
8. Roots of radical Islam – development of radical Islamist organizations

9. The Al-Kaida – the heritage of Bin Laden
10. Affiliates of Al-Kaida in the Middle East and North Africa – Efficiency problems of the region
11. Palestine State: Hamas in Gaza and Fatah in West Bank
12. Israel as a strange body, in the Islamic World – Its conflict with the Arab countries
13. The Hezbollah and the Lebanese civil war
14. The “Arab Spring” or “Arab Winter” in the Islamic World
15. The development of the Islamic State (ISIS) and its affiliates in the Middle East and Africa
16. The Taliban: Efficiency problems in Afghanistan – FATA: the uncontrolled Pashtu territories
17. Boko Haram in Nigeria
18. Traditional Islamic States: Gulf monarchies (Saudi Arabia, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Khatar, Bahrein, Kuwait)
19. The Iranian Revolution in 1979 – state system of the recent Iran: the theocratical state
20. American efforts of state-building in Afghanistan and Iraq – Reason of the failures
21. Reasons of the war in Syria and Iraq

Requirements of participation in the classes:

Presence in the classes – maximum 3 absences are allowed – it is the condition of signature.

Consequences of exceeding maximum numbers of absences:

- If more than 3 absences is certified, replacement will be a 10 pages essay to be written by the student based on the topic determined by the students and approved by the teacher
- If the absence is not certified, signature will be denied

Tasks during the semester, and check of knowledge:

Active participation in the classes: asking questions, answering my questions, comments

Requirements of having signature and credits:

1. Participation in the classes: (see above about signature)
2. Oral exam: ppt. presentation based on the topic listed in this course program (see page 3), or to be determined by the students and approved by the teacher
3. Exam: oral exam in the form of ppt. presentation in the examination sessions (ppt. presentation can be held either in the class, or after the class based on our agreement, if an ERASMUS student would like to go home earlier than the examination session))

Requirements of the oral exam:

- Knowledge of the lectures related to the topic of the ppt. presentation
- Knowledge of some literature

- The examinee will present a topic in the form of ppt, and he/she is required to explain it in 15-20 minutes.
- Grades: 1-5
- The topics of ppt. of proposed presentations are displayed below.

Optional topics to the ppt. presentation of the students:

1. Main reason of the terrorism in Mali
2. How does the Islamic State (ISIS) operate?
3. Sunni versus shía Islam in the Middle East
4. Main problems of the state building in Iraq
5. The failure of the state in Somalia
6. The impact of the colonization on the public administration in the Middle East and Africa
7. States nations
8. The effect of the radical Islam: emergence of the Islamic State (ISIS)
9. Public Administration and state efficiency in the Islamic States
10. The influence of the Arab Spring: North Africa (Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt, Libya) Middle East (Syria, Yemen)
11. Libya, Somalia, Yemen, Syria as failed states
12. State system and the radical Islam in Sudan (North- South, civil war, refugees, genocide)
13. Yemen: a new failed state – shía-sunni conflicts, terrorism, civil war, intervention of Saud-Arabia and Iran
14. Relationship with the radical Islam and the state inefficiency
15. Interweaving of the state and religious system in Iran
16. Challenges of state-building in Iraq and Afghanistan – The Iraqi war
17. Specialities of the terrorism in North Africa – African terrorist organizations
18. Reform attemptation in Saudi Arabia and in the other Gul Monarchies

Required literatures

Joel S. Migdal: Strong Societies and Weak States: State-Society Relations and State Capabilities in the Third World

Brennan Kraxberger: Failed States: Realities, Risks, and Responses

Jasmin Lorch: Analysing Civil Society in Weak States

Patrick W. Quirk: Great Powers, Weak States, and Insurgency

Mehran Kamrava: Fragile Politics: Weak States in the Greater Middle East

Optional literatures

J.J. Messner, Nate Haken, et al. : Fragile States Index 2016

Biersteker, Thomas J, 2002 "State, Sovereignty and Territory" in Carlsnaes, Walter et. al. (ed.) Handbook of International relations London: SAGE Publications

Buzan, Barry, 1991. People, States & Fear. London: Harvester Wheatsheaf
Failed States, Collapsed States, Weak States: Causes and Indicators ROBERT I. ROTBERG

Juhi Tyagi: Weak States, Published Online: 29 FEB 2012

Robert I. Rotberg: Failed and Weak States in Theory and Practice

Michael Nicholson: Globalization, Weak States and Failed States

Stewart Patrick: Weak States and Global Threats: Assessing Evidence of "Spillovers"*

Stuart Eizenstat, John Edward Porter, and Jeremy Weinstein: Rebuilding Weak States
ROBERT I. ROTBERG: Failed States, Collapsed States, Weak States: Causes and Indicators

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: United Nations Global Counter Strategy (United Nations Press Office, New York, 08 September 2006);

Council of European Union: The European Union Counter-Terrorism Strategy (European Union Press Office, Brussels, 30 November 2005);

Leighton, Paul: The Challenge of Terrorism to Free Societies in the Global Village, (Eastern Michigan University, 2004)

European Council: Declaration on Combating Terrorism, Brussels, 5 March 2004.

Dr. Cetron, Marvin J. and Davies, Owen: **55 trends** now shaping the Future of Terrorism (The Proteus Press, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 2 February 2008)

Kardos Gábor: Francis Fukuyama: Államépítés. Kormányzás Kormányzás és világrend a 21. században Századvég Kiadó (Budapest), 2005

Colonel Thomas X Hammes: Four Generations of Warfare' in The Sling and the Stone, On War in the 21st Century, (St. Paul, MN, 2006),

Lind, William S. "Understanding Fourth Generation Warfare." (Center for Cultural Conservatism at the Free Congress Foundation, Washington, DC. 2004.)

Reeve, Simon. *The New Jackals: Ramzi Yousef, Osama bin Laden and the Future of Terrorism*. (Boston: Northeastern University Press. 7 October, 1999)

Harold A. Gould, and Franklin C. Spinney, *Fourth Generation Warfare Is Here!* (University of Virginia, Center for South Asian Students, Fall 2001)

Allen Hammond: *Which World? Scenarios for the 21st Century*, Island Press, Washington, 1998.

National Intelligence Council: *Global Trends 2025: A Transformed World*, (US Government Printing Office, Washington, DC. 2008)

NATO Military Committee (NATO) MC 472 *NATO Military Concept for Defence Against Terrorism*, (NATO HQ, Brussels, 2003)

Dr Maria Bordas PhD – Dr Janos Tomolya: „Legal Aspects of Combating against the Terrorism with respect to Efficiency Requirements” *Defence Against Terrorism Review* 2012/2. NATO COE-DAT, Turkey.