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| <p>Course title: Efficiency problems of the Fragile States</p> <p>Department where the subject's tuition is going to take place: ÁNTK Lőrincz Lajos Közigazgatási Tanszék</p> | <p>Course code: ÁLLTV09</p> | <p>Credit value: 2</p> |
| <p>Name of the teacher responsible for the course: Prof. Dr. Bordás Mária bordas.maria@uni-nke.hu</p> <p>Teacher of the course: Prof. Dr. Bordás Mária bordas.maria@uni-nke.hu</p> <p>Coordinator: Abonyi Brigitta abonyi.brigitta@uni-nke.hu</p> <p>Course type: full time course 14 lectures freely optional on bachelor and master courses, or ERASMUS students</p> <p>Language of teaching the course: English</p> <p>Classes to be held: Tuesday, 12.00-13.45 Classroom No. O-416</p> <p>Requirements of preliminary study: non</p> <p>The frequency of advertising the course, its semester position in the curriculum: autumn and spring term.</p> | | |
| <p>Course description:</p> <p>The problematics of fragile states, especially its effectiveness in light of recent crisis in the Middle East and North Africa have become more and more interesting for subject matter experts.</p> <p>This course refers to the time-based dimension and heterogeneousness of Theory of State Fragility and emphasizes some higher-level scientific problems of the criteria of fragile states.</p> <p>These lectures demonstrate the primarily the Ancient States in the Middle East and Africa than gives a comparison with the Western states. The course highlights the historical-theoretical perspectives of Islamic States' development.</p> <p>This course examines the evolution of radical Islam based terrorism and the current crisis in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Lybia and failure of American state building efforts.</p> | | |
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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 Europe 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 regions
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

Learning outcomes and course competencies:

The students learn the details with larger scale of the different theories of state efficiency, the new and old problem raisings from lack of state efficiency and criteria of state fragility.

They will be qualified to apply the different viewpoints in all fields of state efficiency, and they will have detailed knowledge on the current issues of state efficiency in the Middle East and North Africa.

Requirements of participation in the classes:

- Presence in the classes – maximum 3 absences are allowed – it is the condition of signature. If the education is online, presence is valid, only if the student's camera and

microphone are on during the class. No technical problem will be accepted on the side of the student.

- Consequences of exceeding maximum numbers of absences:

If the absence is certified, replacement will be a 10 pages essay to be written by the student based on the topic listed in this course program, and approved by the teacher

- If the absence is not certified, signature will be denied.
- Active participation in the classes: asking questions, answering my questions, comments, ppt. presentation (ppt. presentation can be held in the class on our agreement)

Tasks during the semester, and check of knowledge: non

Requirements of having signature and credits:

- Participation in the classes: (see above)
- Oral exam: based on the topics of this course – one topic will be asked to explain
- Exam: oral exam during the examination sessions

Requirements of the oral exam:

- Knowledge of the topics of lectures
- Knowledge of some literature, if it is needed to deep the student's knowledge
- Grades: 1-5

Optional Topics for the 10 pages essays 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 Saudi 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 attemption in Saudi Arabia and in the other Gulf Monarchies

Most important required and optional literatures:

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 Wheatshea

Failed States, Collapsed States, Weak States: Causes and Indicators ROBERT I. ROTBERG

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

Michael Nicholson: Globalization, Weak States and Failed 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)

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

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 Studies, 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.

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