

Course code (filled in by the Office for Education)	
Course title	European Political History
Module title	Public Governance Module
Level of the Course	ÁTMA
Institute/Department responsible for course	Institute of European Constitutional and Legal History
Course director	Prof. Dr. Jakab Éva
Name of the Lecturer(s)	dr. Kevevári István and dr. Pongrácz Alex
Number of the ECTS credits	5 ECTS
Teaching methodology	Lecturing, interactive discussions upon historical texts
Language of instruction	English
Prerequisite(s) for the course	
Semester	1st and 2nd semester
Course description	The main goal of the course is to give a historical overview on the development of the political thought in the Western world. The lectures will be focusing on the texts of the key figures of the political thought, that can show the main problems of the political thought and the birth of the modern state.
Learning outcomes and course competences	Through the historical and philosophical approach the student can acquire a deeper understanding of the theoretical basis of the contemporary political problems and its development. Also the lecture can lay the foundations for other courses in the University.
Course description	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Ancient Greek Political Thought: Plato and Aristotle 2. The Roman Political Thought 3. Medieval Political Thought: St. Augustine of Hippo, John of Salisbury, St. Thomas Aquinas Tamás. 4. Precursors of the Modern State and Political Thought: the Renaissance and the Reformation 5. The Idea of Sovereignty and the Social Contract Theories: Bodin, Hobbes, Locke 6. The French Enlightenment: Montesquieu, Rousseau 7. The German Enlightenment: Kant, Fichte, Hegel 8. Introduction to the Political Ideologies of 19th Century. On Liberalism 9. On Conservatism 10. On Nationalism and Nationstate 11. On Socialism/Szocializmus 12. The German State Theory from the 17th Century to Georg Jellinek 13. The History of Allgemeine Staatslehre in the 20th century 14. The History of Hungarian State Theory and Political Thought 15. The Contemporary Developments of State and Political Thought
Assessment methods and criteria	Participation in the discussions in the interactive courses and a written essay.
Grading	1-5 grades

Literature

- J. S. McClelland: A History of Western Political Thought (Routledge, London – New York, 1996)
- W. M. Spellman: A Short History of Western Political Thought. (Pallgrave Macmillan, 2011)
- Joseph Canning: A History of Medieval Political Thought. 300-1450 (Routledge, London–New York, 2003)
- Quentin Skinner: The Foundations of Modern Political Thought Vol 1.: The Renaissance (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2002)
- Quentin Skinner: The Foundations of Modern Political Thought Vol 1.: The Age of Reformation (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2004)
- (Ed.) Christopher Rowe et al.: The Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Political Thought (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2008)
- (Ed.) J. H. Burns: The Cambridge History of Medieval Political Thought c. 350-1450 (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2008)
- (Ed.) J. H. Burns: The Cambridge History of Political Thought 1450-1700 (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2006)
- (Ed.) Mark Goldie–Robert Wokler: The Cambridge History of Eighteenth-Century Political Thought (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2006)
- (Ed.) Gareth Stedmann Jones–Gregory Claeys: The Cambridge History of Nineteenth-Century Political Thought (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2011)
- (Ed.) Terence Ball–Richard Bellamy: The Cambridge History of Twentieth-Century Political Thought (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2003)