

Course code (filled in by the Office for Education)	
Course title	Parliamentarism and Forms of Democratic Participation in Central and Eastern Europe
Module title	Constitutionalism-Democracy-Governance
Level of the course	
Institute/Department responsible for course	Institute of State and Social Theory
Course director	Dr. Zsuzsanna Fejes
Name of the Lecturer(s)	Dr. Fanni Mandák

Number of the ECTS credits	6
Teaching methodology	Lectures, student presentations, interactive tasks, simulations
Language of instruction	English
Prerequisite(s) for the course	Angol szaknyelv 1' (for Hungarian students)

Semester	Both
Course description	The course aims to introduce the Central and Eastern European political systems; discuss the position of parliaments in different governmental systems; describe the organization and proceedings of the parliaments – in a comparative approach, regarding the special features of the post-communist countries.
Learning outcomes and course competences	The academic aim of the course is to enable the students to understand the particular features of the Central and Eastern European parliamentarism and democratic participation.
Course topics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Introduction 2) Historical background – traditions of constitutionalism and the system-changing 3) System of powers – parliamentary, semi-presidential, presidential government 4) Electoral systems 5) Parties and party systems in post-communist countries 6) The impact of personality: important politicians 7) Organs of parliaments 8) Sitings and debates 9) Members of parliaments – rights and obligations 10) Legislative procedures 11) Controlling function of the parliaments 12) Unitary and federal states, chambers of parliaments 13) Dilemmas of democratization – models of transition, elites, pluralism, civil society 14) Forms of democratic participation – theory and practice 15) Simulation: legislative procedure of a bill (debate, presenting amendments, vote)
Grading	Class participation, student presentation, simulation and final oral exam
Assessment methods and criteria	Regular and active class participation is required, final oral exam (five scale rating)
	<p>Compulsory reading materials:</p> <p>David M. Olson, Philip Norton (eds.): Post-Communist and Post-Soviet Parliaments. The Initial Decade. Routledge, New York, 2008.</p> <p>David M. Olson, Philip Norton: The New Parliaments of Central and Eastern Europe. Frank Cass, London, 1996. Kijelölt fejezetek.</p> <p>Szente Zoltán: Bevezetés a parlamenti jogba. Atlantisz, Budapest, 2010. Kijelölt fejezetek.</p>

Recommended or required reading materials	Supplementary reading materials: David M. Olson, Gabriella Ilonszki (eds.): Post-communist Parliaments: Change and Stability in the Second Decade. Routledge, New York, 2012. Hironori Yamamoto: Tools for Parliamentary Oversight. A Comparative study of 88 National Parliaments. Inter-Parliamentary Union, Geneva, 2007. Kijelölt fejezetek. Pesti Sándor: az újkori magyar parlament. Osiris, Budapest, 2002. Philip Norton: Parliaments and Governments in Western Europe. Frank Cass, London, 1998. Kijelölt fejezetek.
Office hours of the lecturers	Dr. Fanni Mandák Wednesday 1.00 pm- 2.00. pm