



<b>Title</b>	<b><u>Judicial review of governmental acts</u></b>
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<b>Brief description</b>	The course addresses the main questions of judicial review of governmental acts in modern democracies. It examines the role of the judiciary in holding the government to account, especially in politically sensitive cases within the framework of political question doctrine. The main method of the course is analysis of the case law of the US Supreme Court and the main European judiciaries, with a special focus on Hungary.
<b>Schedule</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Introduction. General questions of judicial review 1.</li><li>2. General questions of judicial review 2.</li><li>3. Government on the borderline of politics and law</li><li>4. The political question doctrine in the jurisprudence of the US Supreme Court</li><li>5. The political question doctrine in Europe</li><li>6. Theoretical problems 1.: discretionary powers</li><li>7. Theoretical problems 2.: judicialization</li><li>8. Brexit-related court cases</li><li>9. Political question doctrine in Hungary 1.</li><li>10. Political question doctrine in Hungary 2.</li><li>11. Wrap-up</li><li>12. Exam (open book online written)</li></ol>
<b>Recommended readings</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Barabás Gergely: Kormányzati tevékenység: a “political question doctrine” a magyar közigazgatási perjogban. In: Barabás Gergely – F. Rozsnyai Krisztina – Kovács András György (szerk.): Kommentár a közigazgatási perrendtartáshoz. Wolters Kluwer Hungary, Budapest, 2018. 86-90.</li><li>2. Belov, Martin (ed.): Courts, Politics and Constitutional Law. Judicialization of Politics and Politicization of the Judiciary. Routledge, 2019</li><li>3. Beširević, Violeta: Making Sense of the Political Question Doctrine: The Case of Kosovo. Review of Central and East European Law. Volume 46: Issue 1 (2021) 91–130 <a href="https://doi.org/10.1163/15730352-bja10041">https://doi.org/10.1163/15730352-bja10041</a></li><li>4. Blichner, Lars Chr – Molander, Anders: Mapping Juridification. European Law Journal Vol. 14. No. 1, 2008. 36-54.</li><li>5. Bradley, A. – Ewing, K. D.: Constitutional and Administrative Law. 15th edition, Pearson, 2011</li><li>6. Butler, Graham: In Search of the Political Question Doctrine in EU Law. Legal Issues of Economic Integration 45, no. 4 (2018): 329–354.</li></ol>

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<b>Assessment/Exam</b>	open book online written exam