**CONTEMPORARY HUNGARIAN POLITICS AND SICIETY**

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**Brief introduction/Course description**

The objective of this course is to provide an up-to-date and detailed introduction to Hungarian politics and society. We will try to analyse how Hungarian political system can be described and what follows from this description. Students will also get familiar with the most important social issues like "Roma question" or gender roles. The primary aim of the course is to explain relevant approaches of political and social affairs in Hungary , but we would also like to show the "wider picture", thus the class will examine more general topics (Hungarian identity, Famous Hungarian inventions) too.

**Course schedule/outline**

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| 1. INTRODUCTION | |
|  | The Personal – Hungarian Identity: How do others define us, and how do we define ourselves? |
|  | The Political – Hungarian Political Institutions and Party System |
|  | In-between – Hungarian Civil Society and Non-parliamentary Movements |
|  | Hungary in the World – Famous Hungarians, Hungarian Inventions |
| 1. SOCIETY | |
|  | The Hungarian Youth – Political Socialization and Voting Behaviour |
|  | Gender as the ”Black Magic”? – Gender Roles and Equality Issues in Hungary |
|  | Romas as the Other in Hungary |
| 8. | FIELDTRIP |
| 1. POLITICS | |
| 9. | The Change of Regime – Transition to democracy and a market economy |
| 10. | From East to West – The Changing Geopolitics of Hungary. (NATO, EU  accession) |
| 11. | Hungary and the EU – [The Politicization of European Integration](https://www.wzb.eu/en/research/international-politics-and-law/global-governance/projects/the-politicization-of-european-integration) |
| 12. | What is inside the Orbán-regime? Interpretations of the Hungarian Political System |
| 13. | TEST |

**Reading list**

**Mandatory**

* Körösényi, András; Tóth, Csaba; Török, Gábor (2009): *The Hungarian Political System. About the Hungarian Democracy Series*. Demokrácia Kutatások.
* Hajdú, Zoltán (2005): Hungary's Changing Geopolitical Situation During the Transitional Period.
* Györgyi, Barta (eds).: *Hungarian Spaces and Places: Patterns of Transition. Centre for Regional Studies*, Hungarian Academy of Sciences. 28-50. <https://core.ac.uk/download/pdf/50569854.pdf>
* Zsolt, Enyedi (2016): Paternalist populism and illiberal elitism in Central Europe, *Journal of Political Ideologies*, 21:1, 9-25, DOI: [10.1080/13569317.2016.1105402](https://doi.org/10.1080/13569317.2016.1105402)

**Recommended**

* Pinter, Joseph (2008): Democratic Transition in Hungary. Indiana University. https://worldview.stratfor.com/region/europe/hungary
* Gregor, Anikó; Kováts Eszter (2018): Women's Affairs 2018 - Societal Problems and Solution Strategies in Hungary. Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/bueros/budapest/14462.pdf
* Feischmidt, Margit; Pulay, Gergő (2017): 'Rocking the nation’: the popular culture of neo-nationalism. Nations and Nationalism, Volume 23, Issue 2 April 2017, 309–326.
* Horváth, Kata (2012): Silencing and Naming the Difference. Stewart, Michael (eds.): The Gypsy ’Menace’. Populism and the New Anti-gypsy Politics, London, Hurst & Company. 117-136.

**Assessment**

Written exam ont he last lesson (test)