Vysoká škola: Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (BISLA)	
Fakulta:	
Kód predmetu:	Názov predmetu: The Phenomenon of the Political in
F-351	the Work of M. Weber, J. Schumpeter and Carl
	Schmitt

**Druh, rozsah a metóda vzdelávacích činností:** Two weekly meetings of 90 minutes each, amounting 42 hours total. Meetings takes the form of a seminar. (full-time form)

Počet kreditov: 6 ECT

Odporúčaný semester/trimester štúdia: 5. semester

Stupeň štúdia: 1

Podmieňujúce predmety: P-111 Introduction to Political Science

## Podmienky na absolvovanie predmetu:

30 % Active attendance in seminars, preparedness for class, participation in discussions

40% Short Seminar presentations from a selected text

30 % Final paper presented in the class

Course evaluation (%): A – excellent: 100-93%, B – very good: 92-84%, C – good: 83-74%, D – satisfactory: 73-63%, E – sufficient: 62-51%, Fx – fail: 50-0%.

Passing the course assumes that student was not absent at more than 4 class sessions. Late arrival is marked as a "tardie". Three tardies equal one absence. Missing more than 15 minutes of the class is considered an absence.

**Výsledky vzdelávania:** The aim of the course is to become thoroughly acquainted with the classical texts of political analysis and to develop the ability to apply the conceptual apparatus developed by M. Weber, J. Schumpeter and C. Schmitt to contemporary problems and strengthen skills in individual research and writing, teamwork, and public presentation.

## Stručná osnova predmetu:

The course is devoted to close reading and discussing the key texts of German thinkers Max Weber, Joseph Schumpeter and Carl Schmitt. They are the most influential social thinker of the 20th century. Their interpretation of modernity, controversial as it may be, is still at the center of many of the most important debates of our time. We should read their texts as an inspiration for debate. Your presentation should encourage discussion by examining their statements. As a rule, three or four of you will have to give your interpretation of the same statements. I hope this will stimulate discussion, since each of their theses can be interpreted from different positions.

- Politics, State, Legitimacy
- How do the politically ruling powers manage to assert their rule? Role of administration and material resources.
- To live "for" politics or "from" politics.
- Development of specialist officialdom in Europe.
- Main types of professional politicians, lawyers in politics.
- Politicians and officials (civil servants). Role of journalists in the politics.
- Leadership and followers.
- Organization of Parties
- Selection of Leaders: Spoil system.
- What qualities are the politicians expected to poses?
- Ethical dimensions of politics
- The experience of ethical irrationality of the world
- Expectations! What is coming on us?
- Meaning of science. Rationalization, disenchantment of the world.
- Life as eternal struggle of gods
- The essence of charisma
- The origin and transformation of charisma
- The origin of industrial capitalism (M. Weber and J. Schumpeter)
- Competitive elitist democracy (J. Schumpeter)
- Friend/Enemy distinctions as basis of Politics (C. Schmitt)
- Liberal democracy at crossroads
- Politics, consensus and the distribution of power

## Literatúra:

- Weber Max: The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism
  Translated by Talcott Parsons With an introduction by Anthony Giddens
  London and New York, Routledge, 2005
- Max Weber's Complete Writings on Academic and Political Vocations Edited and with an Introduction by John Dreijmanis Translation by Gordon C. Wells Algora Publishing New York © 2008
- Schumpeter, Joseph A. (2014) [1942]. <u>Capitalism, socialism and democracy</u> (2nd ed.). Floyd, Virginia: Impact Books.
- Schmitt, Carl: The concept of the Political, The University of Chicago Press, 2007

Jazyk, ktorého znalosť je potrebná na absolvovanie predmetu: English	
Poznámky: Compulsory course	
Hodnotenie predmetov	
Celkový počet hodnotených študentov: 20	
ABCDEFX	
Vyučujúci: Prof. PhDr. František Novosád, CSc.,	
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