

## 0 – Course Instructions

### Polish Politics In a European context

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Slides are available on: [www.v4ce.net](http://www.v4ce.net)

## Aim of the course

- Introduction to political science
- Introduction to Poland from a political perspective
- Providing a framework for you to understand and analyse political events in Poland
- Taking an cross-disciplinary approach and show how political science is linked to other fields of study
- Outlining how politics of a country are shaped by external events
- Helping students who want to improve their Polish with additional reading

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## Teaching method

The course is conducted in the form of interactive lectures

*this requires your active participation*

The course is divided into two parts

- basic knowledge on history and formal political system
- application of gained knowledge on selected policy issues

This is a new and genuine course on a dynamic issue – therefore the course will dynamic too

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## Content

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| 1. Political history from 1900-1945             | <b>8. mid-term test</b>                         |
| 2. & 3. Communism in Central Europe             | 9. Public opinion and media                     |
| 4. Transformation and democratisation           | 10. Environmental policy                        |
| 5. Political system – legislative and executive | 11. Polish foreign policy                       |
| 6. Polish party system and elections            | 12. Bilateral relations with Russia and Germany |
| 7. State and church                             | 13. EU's Eastern Enlargement                    |
|   | 14. Politics of EU membership                   |
|   | 15. Summary of the course                       |

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## Grading

### Assignments

- **Mid-term test (17/11)** 20%
- **Final exam: (28/01)** 50%
- **Active participation:** 30%

To pass the course you need to receive a pass grade in each of the assignment (> 40%) and > 50% for the whole course

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## Participation

### Presence in class is **not** obligatory but **recommended**

- No points will be given for physical presence, you have to participate for getting points
- To be able to participate actively and constructively in the class, do the reading and other tasks for the classes
- If you cannot come to class (other course, duties at home) you can replace your oral participation with written assignments or oral consultations

*If anything is unclear please ask in class, because what is unclear for your might be unclear for others too*

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## Exams

### Mid-term (17/11)

- Multiple-choice questions
- Short open questions and definitions

#### Focus:

- Knowing key events and persons
- Knowledge of terms and formal institutions

### Final exam (28/01)

- Short opens questions
- Essay

#### Focus:

- Application of knowledge
- Discussing questions of recent politics

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## Resources

### Course books

- Davies, Norman (2001) *The Heart of Europe: The Past in Poland's present*, Oxford University Press.

Available on CD

- Myant, M, Cox, T. (2008), *Reinventing Poland. Economic and Political Transformation and Evolving National Identity*, Routledge.

To be available in the IPO bookshelf

### Further obligatory reading and lecture slides

available on course website at [www.v4ce.net](http://www.v4ce.net)

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### Additional sources on recent events in Poland and Central Europe

- Gazeta Wyborcza (Polish daily); ***Selected articles in English***  
<http://wyborcza.pl/0,86871,4728582.html>
- Rzeczpospolita (Polish daily)
- Polityka, Wprost, Newsweek, Tygodnik Powszechny (Polish dailies)
- **Warsaw Voice** (weekly) <http://www.warsawvoice.pl/>
- Instytut Spraw Publicznych (Think tank)  
<http://www.isp.org.pl/?ln=eng>
- Transition online [www.tol.cz](http://www.tol.cz)
- Overview of foreign language publications on Poland:  
[http://www.kices.org/archiv\\_02.php](http://www.kices.org/archiv_02.php)
- Polen Analysen (in German)  
<http://www.laender-analysen.de/polen/archiv.html>

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### Consultation

Ustronie 304; Thursday 13:30-14:30

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