

SYLLABUS

SUBJECT COMPARATIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will introduce students to variety of models of local government in EU member states. Mile stones of local authorities development will be presented. Legal basis, political and administrative institutions on local level will be explored. Territorial organization, scope of functions, autonomy of finances and institutional setting of local authorities in selected countries will be compared. Issues of local governance will be elaborated.

The course consists of lectures (10 hours) and seminars (10 hours).

Topics:

- 1) Introduction to comparative local government
- 2) Evolution of local government through ages
- 3) British model of local government
- 4) Scandinavian model of local government
- 5) French model of local government
- 6) Local government in federal countries
- 7) From local government to local governance.

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LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students define specific features of different systems of local government; they compare basic characteristics of local governments (institutions, functions, economy, etc.), and evaluate diverse patterns of their organization. Students are open for different solutions in local governance; they are ready to participate in local activities.

GRADING POLICY

20% - active participation during seminars; 30% - presentation; 50% - final paper

TIMETABLE

till March 10th – registration of presentations at the seminar group;

till May 26th – delivering of the final papers

TEXTBOOK AND REQUIRED MATERIALS

Berg R., Rao N. (eds) 2005, *Transforming Political Leadership in Local Government*, Palgrave Macmillan

Chandler J.A. 2007, *Explaining Local Government. Local Government in Britain Since 1800*, Manchester University Press

Denters B., Rose L.E. (eds) 2005, *Comparing Local Governance. Trends and Developments*, Palgrave Macmillan

John P. 2001, *Local Governance in Western Europe*, Sage

Kisiel W. (ed.) 2005, *Local Government Charters. European and American Regulations*, Zakamycze

Lankina T.V., Hudalla A., Wollmann H., *Local Governance in Central and Eastern Europe: Comparing Performance in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Russia*, Palgrave Macmillan 2008.

Loughlin J. 2007, *Subnational Government. The French Experience*, Palgrave Macmillan

Selected papers published in journal *Local Government Studies*

Local government acts of UK, Sweden and France

PREREQUISITES:

No prerequisites