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Description of the IEPS Programme

CHARLES UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Two-Year Master's Degree Programme in

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STUDIES (IEPS)

The fall of Communism in 33 countries around the world and the end of the Cold War ushered in a sequence of startling changes in global politics and economics, the importance of which could only be paralleled by the events that followed the end of the Second World War. Globalisation has moved from the realm of economic hypotheses to a practice exercised world-wide. In the past 20 years new economic powers have emerged to challenge the political order of the capitalist incumbents. The expectations and the practices of free unregulated markets came into conflict with socio-political institutions at the level of both national and supra-national arrangements, which sparked a drift towards rising nationalism and etatism. As the world became highly integrated, the life of individuals, as well as the organisation of enterprises, institutions, municipalities, regions or nations depend now much more on the evolution of the world affairs. Such a new quality of interdependence between economic, political and social actors in the world places new demands on both its understanding and its decision-making. Worldwide demand for expertise in the management of public affairs, prudent political leadership, analysis of individual and collective decisions and for effective and legitimate public policies has received an unprecedented spur in the last decade. This IEPS Programme aims to offer new perspectives in the study of inter-related economic and political processes by providing access to knowledge and skills at a level compatible with prestigious universities in Europe and America. IEPS belongs to a family of interdisciplinary M.A. studies known as PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics) or IPE (International Politics and Economics) - see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philosophy,_politics,_and_economics.

Their popularity was earned not only due to the prestige of universities offering such a wide programme but also due to the success of its graduates on labour markets all over the world.

International Economic and Political Studies is a two-year English-language Master's degree programme fully accredited by the Czech Ministry of Education, which seeks to investigate contemporary political, economic and social issues from a multidisciplinary perspective. Although the predominant emphasis in the IEPS Programme is on the fields of economics and political science, students will also be expected to explore their historical, legal and sociological aspects. This is a unique programme of study in terms of both its content and methods. Students are expected to master the principles of modern non-conventional economic thinking and be able to apply it in political decision-making at the level of supra-national institutions, states, regional governments, corporations and political parties.

Through the core courses, students will gain the theoretical knowledge, methodological tools and historical background required to engage in a deeper analysis of the world they live in, while their elective courses will allow them to develop their own specialisation, which will bring them closer to their intended career – whether it be in politics, international organisations, public administration, academia, business, local or multinational enterprises, NGOs, media or financial services. Students in the IEPS Programme will be able to take advantage of a wide selection of international academic exchange programmes arranged with renowned universities in the EU, the United States, Australia and Asia.

The programme is deliberately designed to take advantage of the multidisciplinary nature of the Faculty and of contacts within Prague's unique international environment. The programme represents a stepping stone in a student's development of wide-ranging knowledge, as it offers an education in various academic disciplines, provided by five institutes of the Faculty of Social Sciences, and it offers gaining valuable analytical skills and practical background knowledge that can be applied in professional life.

Study prerequisites

Applicants to the IEPS Programme may come from a variety of undergraduate backgrounds. It is not necessary to have studied politics or economics. Admission may be granted also to students whose previous studies were in the humanities, commerce, law or even maths, technical or natural sciences. Although a background in mathematics is

not formally required for admission, it is an advantage for IEPS applicants to have an aptitude for maths and statistics, especially those students who wish to specialise in economics and finance. All students must have a good command of the English language in order to successfully complete all of the course requirements, including the ability to discuss specialised topics.

Language of instruction: English

Conditions of study: you can find more information about the IEPS programme on the webpage <http://fsveng.fsv.cuni.cz/FSVEN-362.html> and its links where there is also a downloadable brochure.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STUDIES - JIM05009

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Coordinator: Mgr. Martin Riegl, PhD

Course structure:

10 required classes	64 credits
Elective classes in Module #1	10 credits
Elective classes in Module #2	10 credits
Elective classes in Module #3	15 credits
Required credits from all three modules	44 (the difference is 9 credits)

Remark to electives: the difference between (10+10+15) and 44 credits must be filled by courses picked freely from any of three modules.

Remaining optional courses (II)	12 credits
Master's thesis defence + Final State Examination	
TOTAL CREDITS	120 credits

Having reached 120 credits in the required structure, you are qualified for taking the Concluding State Exam and defend your master thesis.

Then your degree will be conferred. This is your 2-years' perspective.

Composition of the final state examination

(JDIP01) Defence of the Diploma Thesis

(JSZ485) Economics

(JSZ486) Political science

MANDATORY COURSES-J#01010

(POVINNÉ PŘEDMĚTY)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JMM385	Legal Framework of European Integration	Šlosarčík	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JMM530	European Comparative Politics and Society	Rovná	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM194	Master's Degree Seminar IEPS	Benáček	WS/SS	0/2	Examination	4
JPM249	Public Finance	Švarcová	SS	2/0	Examination	5

JPM314	Theories of International Relations	Drulák Plechanovová	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM322	Principles of Microeconomics	Janský	WS	2/2	Examination	8
JPM323	Philosophy, Economics and Politics	Sedláček Salamon	WS	2/1	Examination	6
JPM324	Geography and Politics in Europe within Global Regionalism	Riegl	SS	2/2	Examination	9
JPM325	International Political Economy	Benáček Petříček	SS	2/0	Examination	5
JSM518	Public Policy	Potůček	WS	2/1	Examination	9

Total number of credits 64

WS = Winter Semester (Oct. - Feb.),

SS = Summer Semester (Feb. - June).

Zk = examination,

Z= credit for participation

ELECTIVES (POVINNĚ VOLITELNÉ PŘEDMĚTY)-J#01011

MODULE #1 - ECONOMICS

(Provider: Institute of Economic Studies)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JEB053	Labour Economics	Flek Mysíková	SS	2/0	Examination	5
JEB102	Principles of Economics II	Janský	SS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM012	European Economic Policies	Šmídková	SS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM032	Banking	Mejstřík Teplý Pečená	WS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM034	Corporate Finance	Dědek	SS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM050	Topics in Economic Policy	Zajíček	SS	2/0	Examination	5
JEM062	Introductory Econometrics	Kališková	WS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM100	Corporate Governance	Mejstřík	SS	0/2	Examination	4
JEM115	Environmental Economics	Ščasný	WS	2/0	Examination	5
JEM123	Economics of Least Developed Countries	Bauer	WS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM139	Integrity, Law and Economics	Janský	SS	9/3	Examination	5

JMMZ041	Theory of Regulation and Regulation of Industries	Hrubý Vykoukal	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM312	Comparative Economics	Cahlík	SS	2/2	Examination	6
JPM313	European Economic Integration	Hedbávný Dědek	WS	2/2	Examination	6

Minimal number of required credits 10

MODULE #2 - POLITICAL SCIENCE-J#01012

(Provider: Institute of Political Studies)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JMMZ051	Political Systems of East European Countries Today	Kubát	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM300	The Sovereign State and Quasi-States	Riegl	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM305	South Asian Politics	Sandilya	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM319	Geopolitics of Asia	Sandilya	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM424	Geopolitics of Land, Sea, Air & Space.	Romancov	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM425	Conflict & Cooperation in International Basins	Landovský	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM428	International Institutions - Governing Global Economy	Parízek	SS	0/1	macc	4
JPM505	Critical Security Studies	Střítecký Hynek	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM530	EU-China Relations		SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM537	Economic Globalization - the War of (ideological) Worlds	Lukáš	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM542	Rationalism in International Relations (TMV)	Karlas	WS	0/1	macc	4
JPM555	Security and Defence	Karásek	WS	2/0	Examination	7

	Integration in Europe and Transatlantic Relations					
JPM563	Common Security and Defence Policy: Concepts and Practice	Karásek	WS	0/1	macc	4
JPM570	Euroatlantic Community and Strategic Culture	Karásek	WS	1/1	Examination	6

Minimal number of required credits 10

MODULE #3 - INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND HUMANITIES-J#01013

(Main providers: remaining three institutes of FSV UK)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JEM114	Topics in Law and Regulation	Alexander	WS	2/0	Examination	5
JJM110	Media and Society: An Introduction	Jirák	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JJM164	Intercultural Communication Management	Lütke Notarp	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	6
JJM176	Media and Participation	Carpentier	SS	0/20	Examination	4
JMMZ042	Cohesion Policy of the EU in Central and East European Countries.	Kasáková	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM016	Introduction to the US Legal System: European Perspective	Kozák	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM143	Economy and Politics in the 20th Century Eastern Europe	Svoboda	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JMM294	Issues in United States National Security Policy	Raška	SS	2/0	Examination	4
JMM345	Government in United States	Sehnáková	WS	1/1	Examination	5
JMM529	Economic Issues in North America	Fiřtová Kozák	SS	2/2	Examination	8
JMM531	The EU and the Member States after 2000	Rovná	SS	1/1	Examination	6

JPM326	Czech Media System in European Comparison	Trampota	SS	1/1	Course credit	3
JPM327	Justice in Politics and Economics	Salamon	SS	2/0	Examination	5
JPM548	Public International Law	Landovský	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JSM406	Statistics in SPSS	Soukup Schubert	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	6
JSM437	CIVIL SOCIETY IN CENTRAL EUROPE	Frič	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JSM604	Health Economics	Háva	SS	2/0	Examination	8
JSM685	Educational Policy	Veselý	SS	1/1	Examination	8

Minimal number of required credits 15