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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](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 on Faculty of Social Sciences webpage <http://fsveng.fsv.cuni.cz/FSVEN-362.html> and its links.

## INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STUDIES - JIM05009

Academic supervisor:

doc. Ing. Vladimír Benáček, CSc.

Coordinator: Mgr. Martin Riegl, PhD

Course structure:

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

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

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

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 the European Union     | Šlosarčík                     | SS       | 2/0            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JMM530 | European Comparative Politics and Society | Rovná                         | WS       | 1/1            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JPM194 | Master's Thesis Seminar                   | Benáček                       | WS/SS    | 0/2            | Examination       | 4                  |
| JPM249 | Public Finance                            | Švarcová                      | SS       | 2/0            | Examination       | 5                  |
| JPM314 | Theories of International Relations       | Plechanovová                  | WS       | 2/0            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JPM322 | Principles of Microeconomics              | Janský                        | WS       | 2/2            | Examination       | 8                  |
| JPM323 | Philosophy, Economics and Politics        | Sedláček<br>Salamon<br>Paulus | WS       | 2/1            | Examination       | 6                  |

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|--------|--|---------------------|----|-----|-------------|---|
| JPM324 | Geography and Politics in Europe within Global Regionalism | Riegl               | WS | 2/2 | Examination | 9 |
| JPM325 | International Political Economy                            | Benáček<br>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 |
|--------|---|--------------------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| JEB020 | Economic Policy                                   | Dlouhý<br>Janský         | WS       | 2/0            | Examination       | 5                  |
| JEB022 | Institutional Economics                           | Schwarz                  | SS       | 2/0            | Examination       | 5                  |
| JEB050 | International Finance                             | Benáček                  | SS       | 2/0            | Examination       | 5                  |
| JEB053 | Labour Economics                                  | Flek                     | SS       | 2/0            | Examination       | 5                  |
| JEB102 | Principles of Economics II                        | Janský                   | SS       | 2/2            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JEB112 | Strategic Management                              | Balcar                   | SS       | 2/2            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JEM012 | European Economic Policies                        | Šmídková<br>Martišková   | SS       | 2/2            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JEM015 | Theory of Regulation and Regulation of Industries |                          | WS       | 2/0            | Examination       | 5                  |
| JEM032 | Banking   | Mejstřík<br>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                  |
| JEM075 | Industrial Organisation                           | Zajíček                  | WS       | 2/0            | Examination       | 5                  |
| JEM100 | Corporate Governance                              | Mejstřík                 | SS       | 0/2            | Examination       | 4                  |
| JEM101 | Health Economics                                  | Bryndová<br>Tulejová     | SS       | 2/2            | Examination       | 6                  |

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|---------|---|----------------|----|-----|-------------|---|
| JEM115  | Environmental Economics and Consumer Preferences  | Ščasný         | SS | 2/2 | Examination | 6 |
| JEM123  | Economics of Least Developed Countries            | Bauer          | WS | 2/2 | Examination | 6 |
| JMMZ041 | Theory of Regulation and Regulation of Industries | 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 |
|---------|--|-----------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| JMMZ050 | Political Systems of East European Countries in the 20th Century | Kubát           | WS       | 1/1            | Examination       | 6                  |
| 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        | SS       | 1/1            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JPM320  | East Asia Politics I   |                 | WS       | 2/0            | Examination       | 6                  |
| JPM425  | Conflict & Cooperation in International River 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                  |

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|--------|---|------------------------|----|-----|-------------|---|
| JPM530 | <u>EU-China Relations</u>   |                        | SS | 2/0 | Examination | 6 |
| JPM537 | <u>Economic Globalization - the War of (ideological) Worlds</u>               | <u>Lukáš</u>           | SS | 1/1 | Examination | 6 |
| JPM542 | <u>Rationalism in International Relations (TMV)</u>                           | <u>Karlas</u>          | WS | 0/1 | macc        | 4 |
| JPM554 | <u>Introduction to Security and Conflict Studies</u>                          | <u>Střítecký Bureš</u> | WS | 2/0 | Examination | 7 |
| JPM555 | <u>Security and Defence Integration in Europe and Transatlantic Relations</u> | <u>Ditrych</u>         | WS | 2/0 | Examination | 7 |
| JPM563 | <u>Common Security and Defence Policy: Concepts and Practice</u>              | <u>Karásek</u>         | WS | 0/1 | macc        | 4 |
| JPM570 | <u>Euroatlantic Community and Strategic Culture</u>                           | <u>Karásek</u>         | 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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| <b>Code</b> | <b>Course title</b>  | <b>Course leader</b> | <b>Semester</b> | <b>Hours per week</b> | <b>Course assessment</b> | <b>ECTS credit points</b> |
|-------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| JEM114      | <u>Topics in Law and Regulation</u>                                      | <u>Alexander</u>     | WS              | 2/0                   | Examination              | 5                         |
| JJM110      | <u>Media and Society: An Introduction</u>                                | <u>Jirák</u>         | WS              | 1/1                   | Examination              | 6                         |
| JJM164      | <u>Intercultural Communication Management</u>                            | <u>Lütke Notarp</u>  | WS/SS           | 1/1                   | Examination              | 6                         |
| JJM176      | <u>Media and Participation</u>   | <u>Carpentier</u>    | SS              | 0/20                  | Examination              | 4                         |
| JMMZ042     | <u>Cohesion Policy of the EU in Central and East European Countries.</u> | <u>Kasáková</u>      | WS              | 1/1                   | Examination              | 6                         |
| JMMZ082     | <u>Concepts and Interpretations of Central European History</u>          | <u>Vykoukal</u>      | SS              | 1/1                   | Examination              | 6                         |

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| JMMZ083 | <u>Eastern Europe Today I</u>                                    | <u>Šír</u>                     | WS    | 0/2 | Examination   | 6 |
| JMMZ155 | <u>Grand Debates of European Integration</u>                     | <u>Kasáková Weiss</u>          | SS    | 0/2 | Examination   | 6 |
| JMM016  | <u>Introduction to the US Legal System: European Perspective</u> | <u>Kozák</u>                   | SS    | 1/1 | Examination   | 6 |
| JMM143  | <u>Economy and Politics in the 20th Century Eastern Europe</u>   | <u>Svoboda</u>                 | WS    | 1/1 | Examination   | 6 |
| JMM294  | <u>Issues in United States National Security Policy</u>          | <u>Raška</u>                   | SS    | 2/0 | Examination   | 4 |
| JMM345  | <u>Government in United States</u>                               | <u>Sehnáková</u>               | WS    | 1/1 | Examination   | 5 |
| JMM529  | <u>Economic Issues in North America</u>                          | <u>Fířtová Kozák</u>           | SS    | 2/2 | Examination   | 8 |
| JMM531  | <u>The EU and the Member States after 2000</u>                   | <u>Rovná</u>                   | SS    | 1/1 | Examination   | 6 |
| JPM326  | <u>Czech Media System in European Comparison</u>                 | <u>Trampota</u>                | SS    | 1/1 | Course credit | 3 |
| JPM327  | <u>Justice in Politics and Economics</u>                         | <u>Salamon</u>                 | SS    | 2/0 | Examination   | 5 |
| JPM548  | <u>Public International Law</u>                                  | <u>Landovský</u>               | SS    | 1/1 | Examination   | 6 |
| JPM610  | <u>Philosophy, Economics and Politics: Current Debates</u>       | <u>Salamon Sedláček Paulus</u> | SS    | 1/1 | Examination   | 5 |
| JSM406  | <u>Statistics in SPSS</u>  | <u>Soukup Schubert</u>         | WS/SS | 1/1 | Examination   | 6 |
| JSM437  | <u>CIVIL SOCIETY IN CENTRAL EUROPE</u>                           | <u>Frič</u>                    | SS    | 2/0 | Examination   | 6 |
| JSM604  | <u>Health Economics</u>  | <u>Háva</u>                    | SS    | 2/1 | Examination   | 8 |
| JSM685  | <u>Educational Policy</u>  | <u>Veselý</u>                  | SS    | 2/1 | Examination   | 8 |

**Minimal number of required credits 15**