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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 (representing a quarter of the world's population and wealth around the world) and leading to the end of the Cold War, ushered in a sequence of dramatic socio-political changes world-wide. The transformation and significant growth of the influence of institutionalised organisations in relation to the individual and society is only paralleled by the events that followed the end of the Second World War. Globalisation has transitioned from the early intellectual realm of economic hypotheses into a series of actual strategies and policies that have changed the world. Over the past 25 years, a new economic and political balance have emerged to challenge the political order of the capitalist incumbents.

As the economic and cultural integration in the world accelerated, the life of individuals, as well as the networks of governance of social groups, enterprises, regions and nations are now as dependent on the evolution of the world affairs as never before in history. The spread between rich and poor is narrowing between countries on the one hand, but is widening almost everywhere within countries, leading to a corrosive concentration of wealth, on the other hand.

However, the drive for uniformity of the globalized world backfires and is challenged by calls for more equality and national, ethnic, cultural or religious authenticity. Similarly, the practices of free unregulated markets are considered in conflict with expectations of social agents at the level of business, national and supra-national arrangements, which has sparked a drift towards rising nationalism, etatism and bureaucracy.

This new character of interdependence amongst the economic, political, and social actors in the world places new demands on both the fundamental understanding of global affairs and the governance of interests and goals of the involved actors. Demand for changing the way societies are organised calls for new analytical competence in the management of public affairs, prudent political leadership, analyses of individual and collective decision making and negotiating practices, as well as for synthetic thinking required for the strategic management of policies, has shown an unprecedented leap in the last decade.

The IEPS Programme aims to offer new perspectives concerning the study of the inter-related economic and political dynamics of our world by providing access to knowledge and skills at a level compatible with the most 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). This popularity was earned not only due to the prestige of the universities offering such comprehensive programmes, but also due to the subsequent success of its graduates in the labour markets throughout the world. For more info see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philosophy,_politics,_and_economics.

International Economic and Political Studies is a two-year English-language Master's degree programme that is 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 within the fields of economics and political science, students will also be expected to explore philosophical, 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 demonstrate an ability to apply their skills in policy decision-making of supra-national institutions, states, regional governments, corporations and political parties.

Through the core courses, students will gain a theoretical knowledge, historical background, and the methodological tools required to engage in a strategic analysis of the world in which they live; while their highly varied elective courses will allow them to choose 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 IEPS programme has been intentionally designed to take advantage of the multidisciplinary nature of the Faculty, as well as the network of contacts within Prague's unique international environment and exceptionally rich cultural activities. The programme offers an education in various academic disciplines, provided by five institutes of the Faculty of Social Sciences: those of economics, political science, sociology, communication and territorial studies). Therefore, the programme consists of a course curriculum that acts as a pathway of stepping stones towards the development of a student's comprehensive understanding. The programme offers an opportunity to gain valuable analytical skills and practical background knowledge that can be applied in professional life and further academic pursuits.

Study prerequisites

Applicants to the IEPS Programme come from a variety of undergraduate backgrounds. It is not necessary to have previously studied politics or economics. Admission may be granted also to students whose previous studies were in the humanities, commerce, law, or even mathematics, 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 write presentations and discuss specialised topics.

Language of instruction: English.

Regarding the specific Conditions of Study, you can find more information on <http://fsveng.fsv.cuni.cz/FSVEN-362.html> and its links.

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Coordinator: Mgr. Martin Riegl, Ph.D.

Course structure:

10 required (mandatory) classes (I):	64 credits
Elective classes in Module #1	at least 10 credits
Elective classes in Module #2	at least 10 credits
Elective classes in Module #3	at least 15 credits
Required credits from all three modules (II):	44 credits

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

Remaining optional courses (III)	12 credits
TOTAL CREDITS	120 credits

Having reached at least 120 credits in the required structure, the students are qualified for taking the concluding Final State Examination and defending the Master Thesis.

Their successful passing is a condition for getting conferred the M.A. degree. It is expected that the studies are concluded in two years. The maximum length of the study is 5 years.

Composition of the final state examination

(JDIP01) Defence of the Diploma Thesis

(JSZ485) Economics

(JSZ486) Political science

The list of MANDATORY CLASSES/COURSES - J#01010

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JEM163	Principles of Microeconomics	Janský	WS	2/2	Examination	8
JEM164	Public Finance	Švarcová	SS	2/0	Examination	5
JEM165	International Political Economy - IEPS	Benáček Petříček	SS	2/0	Examination	5
JEM166	Master's Thesis Seminar - IEPS	Benáček	WS/SS	0/2	Examination	4
JMM385	Legal Framework of the European Union	Šlosarčík	SS	2/0	Examination	6

JMM530	<u>European Comparative Politics and Society</u>	<u>Rovná</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM314	<u>Theories of International Relations</u>	<u>Plechanovová Ditrych</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM323	<u>Philosophy, Economics and Politics</u>	<u>Salamon Paulus</u>	WS	2/1	Examination	6
JPM324	<u>Geography and Politics in Europe within Global Regionalism</u>	<u>Riegl</u>	WS	2/2	Examination	9
JSM518	<u>Public Policy</u>	<u>Potůček</u>	WS	2/1	Examination	9

Total number of credits: 64

WS = Winter Semester (Oct. - Feb.)

SS = Summer Semester (Feb. - June)

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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Kód	Název předmětu	Prerekvizity	Korekvizity	Záměnnosti	Neslučitelnosti
JEM163	Principles of Microeconomics			JEB101 JPM322	JPM322 JEB101
JEM164	Public Finance - IEPS			JPM249	JPM249 JEB025
JEM165	International Political Economy - IEPS			JPM325	JPM325
JEM166	Master's Thesis Seminar - IEPS			JPM194	JPM194
JMM385	Legal Framework of the European Union				JMM251
JPM324	Geography and Politics in Europe within Global Regionalism				JPM113

The list of ELECTIVE CLASSES/COURSES

MODULE #1 - ECONOMICS - J#0101114

(Provider: Institute of Economic Studies)

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Code	Course title	Course leader	Semester	Hours per week	Course assessment	ECTS credit points
JEB020	<u>Economic Policy</u>	<u>Dlouhý Janský</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	5
JEB022	<u>Institutional Economics</u>	<u>Schwarz</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	5
JEB039	<u>International Trade</u>	<u>Benáček Semerák</u>	WS	2/2	Examination	8
JEB050	<u>International Finance</u>	<u>Stanišič</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	5
JEB053	<u>Labour Economics</u>	<u>Flek</u>	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
JEB133	Economic History	Doležalová	SS	2/2	Examination	6
JEB136	Topics in Industrial Organization	Schwarz	WS	2/0	Examination	3
JEM012	European Economic Policies	Martišková	SS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM032	Banking	Mejstřík Teplý Pečená	WS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM034	Corporate Finance	Dědek	SS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM037	Financial Markets	Novák Geršl	WS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM062	Introductory Econometrics	Kališková	WS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM075	Industrial Organisation	Zajíček	WS	2/0	Examination	5
JEM092	Portfolio Analysis and Risk Management	Dědek	WS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM100	Corporate Governance	Mejstřík	SS	0/2	Examination	4
JEM101	Health Economics	Bryndová Tulejová	SS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM115	Environmental Economics and Consumer Preferences	Ščasný	SS	2/0	Examination	5
JEM123	Economics of Least Developed Countries	Bauer	WS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM131	Antitrust Economics	Vacek	SS	2/0	Examination	5
JEM137	Real Estate Investment	Streblov Jandík	WS	2/0	Examination	4
JEM162	Energy Economics	Van Koten	SS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM167	Comparative Economics	Cahlík	SS	2/2	Examination	6
JEM168	European Economic Integration	Hedbávný Dědek	WS	2/2	Examination	6
JMMZ041	Theory of Regulation and Regulation of Industries	Vykoukal	WS	2/0	Examination	6

Minimal number of required credits: 10**Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses**

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JEB020	Economic Policy	JEB004			
JEB022	Institutional Economics	JEB004			
JEB039	International Trade	JEB004			
JEB050	International Finance	JEB004			
JEB053	Labour Economics	JEB007			
JEB102	Principles of Economics II	JEB101		JEB004	JEB004
JEB136	Topics in Industrial Organization	JEB004			
JEM012	European Economic Policies			JEM111	
JEM167	Comparative Economics			JPM312	JEB103 JPM312
JEM168	European Economic Integration				JEB026 JPM511
JMMZ041	Theory of Regulation and Regulation of Industries				JEM015

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
JPM142	Regionalism in Global Politics	Riegl	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM300	The Sovereign State and Quasi-States	Riegl	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM305	South Asian Politics	Sandilya	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM319	Geopolitics of Asia	Sandilya	SS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM320	East Asia Politics I		SS	2/0	Examination	6

JPM423	<u>Geopolitical Importance of Central Europe</u>	<u>Just</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6
JPM425	<u>Conflict & Cooperation in International River Basins</u>	<u>Landovský</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM428	<u>International Institutions - Governing Global Economy</u>	<u>Parížek</u>	SS	0/1	macc	4
JPM505	<u>Critical Security Studies</u>	<u>Střítecký Hynek</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6
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
JPM543	<u>International Institutions: Design and Performance</u>	<u>Karlas</u>	SS	0/1	macc	4
JPM554	<u>Introduction to Security and Conflict Studies</u>	<u>Střítecký Hynek Karásek</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
JPM620	<u>Geopolitical Thought</u>	<u>Kofroň</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	6
JPM649	<u>European Values in Global Context</u>	<u>Salamon</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	6

Minimal number of required credits: 10

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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JMMZ050	Political Systems of East European Countries in the 20th Century			JMM094	JMM094
JMMZ051	Political Systems of East European Countries Today			JMM095	JMM095
JPM142	Regionalism in Global Politics				JPM641
JPM505	Critical Security Studies		JPM509		
JPM542	Rationalism in International Relations (TMV)			JPM406	
JPM543	International Institutions: Design and Performance (MO)			JPM416	
JPM555	Security and Defence Integration in Europe and Transatlantic Relations				JPM175
JPM563	Common Security and Defence Policy: Concepts and Practice (OKMB)			JPM417	JPM417
JPM570	Euroatlantic Community and Strategic Culture				JPM175

MODULE #3 - INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND HUMANITIES - J#0101314

(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
JEM159	<u>International Commercial Dispute Resolution</u>	Hülle	SS	2/0	Examination	4
JEM332	<u>Legal Framework of the European Integration</u>	Šlosarčík	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JJM180	<u>Czech Media System in European Comparison</u>	Trampota	SS	1/1	Course credit	3
JJM233	<u>Intercultural Communication Management</u>	Lütke Notarp	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	6
JJM234	<u>Media and Society: An Introduction</u>	Jirák	WS	1/1	Examination	6

JJM236	<u>Media and Participation</u>	<u>Carpentier</u>	SS	0/2	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
JMMZ083	<u>Eastern Europe Today I</u>	<u>Šír Horák</u>	WS/SS	0/2	Examination	6
JMMZ084	<u>Eastern Europe Today II</u>	<u>Šír Horák</u>	WS/SS	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
JMM590	<u>EU in its Southeastern Neighbourhood: Policies and Expectations</u>	<u>Najšlová</u>	SS	1/1	macc	4
JPM327	<u>Justice in Politics and International Relations</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>Sedláček Benáček</u>	SS	1/1	Examination	5

JPM647	<u>Ethics in Global Politics and Economics</u>	<u>Salamon</u>	WS	2/0	Examination	6
JSM406	<u>Statistics in SPSS</u>	<u>Soukup</u>	WS/SS	1/1	Examination	6
JSM437	<u>Civil Society in Transition</u>	<u>Frič</u>	SS	2/0	Examination	8
JSM604	<u>Health Economics</u>	<u>Háva</u>	SS	2/1	Examination	8
JSM657	<u>Welfare State, Austerity, and Political Parties</u>	<u>Novotný</u>	WS	1/1	Examination	8
JSM685	<u>Educational Policy</u>	<u>Veselý</u>	SS	2/1	Examination	8
JSM691	<u>Policy Analysis</u>	<u>Nekola Veselý</u>	SS	2/1	Examination	9

Minimal number of required credits: 15

Prerequisites, corequisites, alternative and incompatible courses

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JMMZ083	Eastern Europe Today I	JMMZ094			
JMMZ084	Eastern Europe Today II	JMMZ083			
JMM345	Government in United States			JMM014	

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