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Course title: CONTEMPORARY STATE SYSTEM

ECTS credit allocation (and other scores): 5

Semester: autumn and spring (2 semesters)

Level of study: ISCED-6 - first-cycle programmes (EQF-6)

Branch of science: Social sciences

Language: English

Number of hours per semester: 30

Course coordinator/ Department and e-mail: Associate Prof Degefe Gemechu, gemechu.degefe@uwm.edu.pl

Type of classes: lectures

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Substantive content

LECTURES:

The Origin and concept of sovereign State; Definition of State; The monopoly on violence and the notion of power; The Origin and Development of form of government and state; Classical Form of State; The Development of the Modern State; Exploration of Max Weber's State Theory; Political Legitimacy; The state in modern political thought; Types of Government; Forms of Government; The main characteristics of contemporary State system in 21st Century; Analysis of contemporary state systems and structures; The causes and problem of failed States (collapsed States); Relations between State and Civil Society; The Charismatic Leadership model and its linkage with State formation.

Learning purpose: to provide students with a general knowledge of the origin of State and its evolution and mechanisms of functioning.

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On completion of the study programme the graduate will gain:

Knowledge: understands various types of social structures and institutions of social life and their relationships.

Skills: acquire administration skills, self- efficacy and adaptive behavior

Social Competencies: able to present own ideas, suggestions, and extensive arguments regarding public administration

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Basic literature:

Christopher G., 2003. The Power of Legitimacy: Assessing the Role of Norms in Crisis Bargaining, Princeton University Press.

Heather R., 2002. State Identities and the Homogenization of Peoples Cambridge University Press.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Translation by G. D. H. Cole 2003. On the Social Contract, Courier Dover Publications.

Heywood, A. 2000. 'The State' in Key Concepts in Politics. Palgrave MacMillan.

Supplementary literature:

Mann, M. 1999. 'The Autonomous Power of the State: Its Origins, Mechanisms and Results', Archives Europeennes de Sociologie.

Poggi, G. 1990. The State: Its Nature, Development and Prospects. Cambridge UP.

Poggi, G. (2004) 'Theories of State Formation', in K. Nash & A. Scott (eds) The Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology, Blackwell.

#### Optional

Skinner, Q. (1989) 'The State' in J. Farr et al (eds) Political Innovation and Conceptual Change. Cambridge University Press.

Van Creveld, M. (1999) The Rise and Decline of the State. Cambridge UP.

Ertman, T. (2005) 'State Formation and State Building in Europe', in T. Janoski et al (eds) The Handbook of Political Sociology: States, Civil Societies, and Globalization. Cambridge UP.

Bloom, W. 1990. Personal Identity, National Identity and International Relations. Cambridge UK: Cambridge University Press.

King, A. D., ed. 1997. Culture, Globalization and the World-System: Contemporary Conditions for the Representation of Identity. Minneapolis MN: University of Minnesota Press.

Fawcett, L, and A. Hurrell, eds. 1996. Regionalism in World Politics. New York NY: Oxford University Press.

Sullivan, M. P. 1990. Power in Contemporary International Politics. Columbia SC: University of South Carolina Press.

Alger, C. F., G. M. Lyons, and J. E. Trent. 1995. The United Nations System: The Policies of Member States. Tokyo: United Nations University Press.

Forsythe, D. P., R. A. Coate, and T. G. Weiss. 1997. The United Nations and Changing World Politics. West view Press.

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The allocated number of ECTS points consists of:

Contact hours with an academic teacher: 30

Student's independent work: 95