



Course title: PROBLEMS OF FRAGILE (FAILED) STATES IN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY 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

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Type of classes: lectures

Substantive content

LECTURES:

The concept of fragile (failed) states; Correlation between state fragility and conflict; Definition and measurement of fragile state; International security and failed state ; Failed states as the threat to regional and global security; The global war on terror and fragile states; US Policy towards Fragile and failed States after the 9/11 terrorist attacks; Strategy for strengthening and stabilizing fragile states; Africa's major security challenges and its solutions; Strategy on conflict prevention and crisis Response; Predictions and early warnings regarding failed states; The role of regional powers in finding and implementing multilateral solutions; The problem of fragile states in Africa, Middle East, South America and other parts of the globe.

Learning purpose: to analyze why States and their institutions are weak in their capacity to deliver services to their citizens"

On completion of the study programme the graduate will gain:

Knowledge: able to indicate the linkage of fragile states in international security and stability

Skills: acquires capacity of early warning of fragile states that may slip into conflict.

Social Competencies: able to ensure timely responses to the problems and consequences of fragile state.

Basic literature:

Zwaan J. D., E. Bakker and S. van der Meer (eds.), Challenges in a Changing World 2009.

Charles T. Call & Elizabeth M. Cousens, Ending wars and building peace, Coping with crisis (New York, IPA, March 2007).

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Carment D. "Assessing State Failure: Implications for Theory and Policy." Third World Quarterly 24 (3), 2003.

Supplementary literature:

Chauvet L., Collier P. Development Effectiveness in Fragile States: Spillovers and



Turnarounds, Oxford University 2004.

Chomsky N. Failed States: The Abuse of Power and the Assault on Democracy, New York 2006.

Gros, Jean-Germain. 1996. "Towards a Taxonomy of Failed States in the New World Order: Decaying Somalia, Liberia, Rwanda and Haiti. Third World Quarterly 17 (3): 455–72.

Helman, Gerald B., and Steven R. Ratner. 1992-93. "Saving Failed States." Foreign Policy 89 (Winter): 3–20.

Zartman I. W. Introduction: "Posing the Problem of State Collapse", in: Collapsed States: The Disintegration and Restoration of Legitimate Authority, edited by I. William Zartman. boulder colorado. lynne Rienner publishers, 1995.

The allocated number of ECTS points consists of:

Contact hours with an academic teacher: 30

Student's independent work: 95