



### SYLLABUS

***Subject name: Political Anthropology***

***Subject code: EKAN111***

***Responsible lecturer:***

***Type: lecture***

***Level: BA/ MA***

***Credit: 3***

#### **Course description:**

"Political Anthropology" intends to introduce the diversity of political systems, and the anthropological research of authority, the space and movement of influence. Students will learn about the various human communities with different governmental systems and underlying ideologies, and symbols of ideologies, working through questions of legitimacy and representation.

#### **Course outline:**

Research Trends and schools; Typology of political systems (hordes, tribal societies, chieftainships, states); Development of theories of the state; Ideologies and legal systems; The power of symbolism and structure; Political rituals; Nationalism theories.

#### **Assessment:**

The students receive their grade based on their performance at the written or oral exam at the end of the semester. Home assignments might replace the exam if the instructor indicates such an option on the first lecture and in the syllabus on Coospace. If the instructor sets dates for in-class test writing at the beginning of the semester, writing the tests is mandatory – upon failing to comply with this requirement the instructor may refuse to give a grade. The instructor is responsible for clarifying the requirements at the beginning of each semester and publishing it for the given semester on Coospace.

**Required readings:**

§ Balibar, Etienne 2015 Violence and Civility. Columbia University Press. New York

§ Giordano, Christian 2015 Power, Legitimacy, Historical Legacies - A Disenchanted Political Anthropology. Lit Verlag

§ Glaser, Edward 2012 Triumph of the City. Pan Books. Croydon

§ Greene, Joshua 2014 Moral Tribes. Emotion, Reason, and the Gap Between Us and Them. Atlantic Books. London

§ Judson, Peter M. 2016 The Habsburg Empire. A New History. Harvard University Press  
Cambridge, Massachuses