



Tárgytematika

EÖTVÖS LORÁND TUDOMÁNYEGYETEM
TÁTK Nemzetközi és Európai Tanulmányok Tanszék
(TÁTK-EU-TANSZ)

2019/20/1

Tárgynév: Political Ideologies and the Left-Right Dichotomy
Tárgykód: NTm357
Tárgyfelelős neve: Schweitzer András
Tárgy követelménye: gyakorlati jegy (5)
Tárgy heti óraszám: 0/2/0

Oktatás célja:

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students should become acquainted with the different meanings and changing contexts of the concept of “ideology” from Antoine Destutt de Tracy through Karl Marx and Mannheim to Michael Freeden, get to know the ever-transforming nature and persistent characteristics of the most common political ideologies (conservatism, liberalism, socialism, nationalism, fascism, communism, anarchism), and of the concepts of political left and right. Thus, students would become equipped with tools and skills to recognize the fundamental problems of describing the political spectrum of a given community, to recognize the features of ideologies and analyse political cleavages.

Tantárgy tartalma:

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is an introduction to one of the most fundamental concepts of political theory: the left-right dichotomy. This visual metaphor has been used for 230 years by political thinkers, historians, economists and laymen to describe and categorize political ideas, movements, and ideologies.

It has been argued at different times since the mid-20th century that political left and right had become obsolete (lost its explanatory power and significance), the current worldwide surge in populism gave a new impetus to this view. On the other hand, many scholars still claim the dichotomy has a clearly definable and unchanged substantial meaning.

The course covers relevant literature of political science, political history and history of political ideas (from Norberto Bobbio and Andrew Heywood to Fareed Zakaria and Jacques Rupnik). We will use the newest press articles (e.g. news stories from The Economist) to apply theoretical arguments to contemporary political developments.

Számonkérési és értékelési rendszere:

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The students of the course are required to prepare for the classes by reading the assigned literature marked with a black dot (recommended literature are marked with a white dot i.e. small empty circle), and are also expected to



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actively participate during classes.

EVALUATION

Evaluation will be based with equal weight (30-30-30%) on

- preparedness for the classes evaluated by a short written test in the beginning of each class
- class participation with insightful remarks and summaries of assigned texts
- a written exam at the end of the course with multiple choice and short essay questions

Grades will be translated from the overall performance of the students reflecting awareness of the relevant basic concepts and accomplishment of other learning outcomes according to the following scheme:

- 5 (excellent) – student demonstrated confident awareness with minor errors (i.e. minor citation inconsistency; occasional logical error)
- 4 (good) - student demonstrated confident awareness of how academic texts are constructed; set the research focus properly; chose a topic and developed a relevant hypothesis; and accomplished the learning outcomes above the standard but with some errors (i.e. citation inconsistency; some logical steps lacking)
- 3 (fair, satisfactory) - student demonstrated awareness of how academic texts are constructed; set the research focus properly; chose a research topic and developed a relevant hypothesis but accomplished the learning outcomes with a number of notable errors (i.e. inadequate citation; logical or relational steps lacking; paper unorganized)
- 2 (passing, acceptable) - student performance meets the minimum criteria; barely demonstrated awareness of how academic texts are constructed; student set the focus improperly; overall accomplished the learning outcomes poorly
- 1 (fail, unacceptable) – student does not meet the assessment criteria; considerable further work is required to earn the credits.

88 – 100% → excellent (5)

75 – 87% → good (4)

62 – 74% → fair, satisfactory (3)

49 – 61% → passing, acceptable (2)

0 – 48% → fail, unacceptable (1)

Kötelező irodalom:

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1. Introduction. What are political ideologies... for?

- Andrew Heywood: Political Ideologies – An Introduction. 5th ed., Palgrave – Macmillan, 2012., Chapter 1. Introduction: Ideology and Ideologies, pp. 1-15
- Judith Shklar: Political ideology. In: Schumaker, Paul, ed. 2010. *The Political Theory Reader*. Chichester, West Sussex ; Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.

2. The left-right dichotomy and the left-right axis

- Freedman, Michael. 2003. *Ideology: A Very Short Introduction*. Very Short Introductions 95. Oxford ; New York: Oxford University Press. Chapter 6. (The clash of Titans: the macro-ideologies) pp. 78-93
- Bobbio, Norberto. 1996. *Left and Right. The Significance of a Political Distinction*. Cambridge, Polity Press, Chapter 6. (Equality and Inequality) pp. 60-71.
- Baradat, Leon P.: Political Ideologies. Their Origins and Impact. (5th ed.) Englewood Cliffs, N.J., Prentice Hall. 1994, Chapter 2. The Spectrum of Political Attitudes, pp. 11-40

3. Applicability of the left-right axis: some problems

- Krogh, Kenneth: Needed. New Political Labels. In: Waxman, Chaim (ed.): The End of Ideology Debate. New York, Funk & Wagnals. 1968, pp. 141-151
- Mavrogordatos, George Th. Downs Revisited: Spatial Models of Party Competition and Left-Right Measurements. *International Political Science Review* (1987), Vol. 8, No. 4, 333-342

4. Applicability of the left-right axis: some solutions

- „Nolan chart” @ <https://www.theadvocates.org/quiz/> , <https://www.nolanchart.com/survey-php>

5. Political right in East-Central Europe

- Seán Hanley: Getting the right right in post-communist Europe, pp 1-9. In: The New Right in the New Europe – Czech transformation and right-wing politics, 1989-2006
- Siaroff, Alan: Comparative European Party Systems. An Analysis of Parliamentary Elections Since 1945. New York–London, Garland Publishing Inc. 2000. Part II. Individual Case Analyses, Hungary pp. 287-293
- Przeworski, Adam: The "East" Becomes the "South"? The "Autumn of the People" and the Future of Eastern Europe. *Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 24, No. 1 (Mar., 1991), pp. 20-24

6. Political right in the USA and UK: liberalism, neoliberalism, libertarianism, Conservatism

- F. A. Hayek: Why I Am Not a Conservative. In *The Constitution of Liberty* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1960) - <http://object.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/articles/hayek-why-i-am-not-conservative.pdf>
- Pirie, Madsen: Why F. A. Hayek is a Conservative. London, Adam Smith Institute. 1987, <http://www.adamsmith.org/sites/default/files/resources/HayekConservative.pdf>



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Kötelező irodalom:

7. The global crisis in conservatism

- The global crisis in conservatism (pp. 9-10). The self-preservation society (pp. 17-19). The Economist, July 6th, 2019
- Bagehot. Long live the Tory revolution. (p. 26) The Economist, August 3rd, 2019

8. A compromise between ideologies

- John Rawls. A Kantian Conception of Equality [excerpt]. In: Schumaker, Paul, ed. 2010. *The Political Theory Reader*. Chichester, West Sussex ; Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell. pp. 320-325

9. Is nationalism a distinct ideology?

- Freedman, Michael. 1998. "Is nationalism a distinct ideology?" Political Studies. 46 (4): 748-65
- Andrew Heywood: Political Ideologies – An Introduction. 5th ed., Palgrave – Macmillan, 2012. Chapter 6. Nationalism. pp. 168-197
- The Surge of Economic Nationalism in Western Europe Author(s): Italo Colantone and Piero Stanig Source: The Journal of Economic Perspectives , Vol. 33, No. 4 (Fall 2019), pp. 128-151

10. Populism and its place under the sun?

- Cas Mudde. 2004 'The Populist Zeitgeist' Government and Opposition, 39(4): 541-563. Intro, Defining the undefinable. Contemporary populism. 541-551
- Kirk Hawkins. Populist versus Pluralist Discourse. Criteria for coding. 2013 [unpublished, used at CEU for a research on Populism discourse analysis]

11. End of ideology, end of history, pragmatism

- Fukuyama: The End of History? The National Interest, Summer, 1989
<https://ps321.community.uaf.edu/files/2012/10/Fukuyama-End-of-history-article.pdf>
- Andrew Heywood: Political Ideologies – An Introduction. 5th ed., Palgrave – Macmillan, 2012., Chapter 12. Conclusion: A Post-Ideological Age? pp. 337-344

12. Left and right in contemporary politics. Summary

- Briefing Corbyn's Downing Street calling. The Economist, November 2nd, 2019, pp. 22-24