

DESCRIPTION AND SYLLABUS

Name of the subject in Hungarian:	International Systems in World History
Name of the subject in English:	International Systems in World History
Credit value of the subject:	3
The code of the subject in the electronic study system:	BN-INSWOH-03-EA
Classification of the subject:	Obligatory
Language of instruction (in case of non-Hungarian courses):	English
Institute or department responsible for the subject:	Institute of Social Sciences and International Studies
Course type and number of contact hours:	Lecture, class per week: 2, class per semester: 0
Mode of study: (Full-time / Part-time):	Full-time training
The semester in which the subject is open for registration:	2022/2023 1st semester
Prerequisite(s):	-

THE PURPOSE OF THE SUBJECT, LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The purpose of the subject is to make students aware of the historic and contingent nature of the current international system through the study of past international systems in world history.

Students who complete the course will

- master basic analytic tools and concepts
- know how to compare different international systems
- have knowledge of the world history before 1500

SUMMARY OF THE CONTENT OF THE SUBJECT

The course offers a comparative examination of the international systems of major civilizations before 1500. The focus is on the nature and differences of a) unit types and their internal organization, b) the definition of system boundaries, c) the structure of international systems, d) determinants of interaction capacity within and across systems, e) forms of interaction, and f) various social aspects (rules, norms, institutions) characterizing international systems.

STUDENT'S TASKS AND PLANNED LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Weekly compulsory readings: (reading, understanding, research questions, terminology, methods)

Group project: (creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, communication)

Final exam: (general knowledge, analytical thinking, interpretation, terminology, problem-solving)

EVALUATION OF THE SUBJECT:

Students' performance will be evaluated according to the followings:

1. Group project (40%). Students form research groups to study the differences of international systems and to present their findings.

2. Final exam (60%). At the end of the semester a written final exam that measures the students' conceptual and factual knowledge related to the field.

Offered grade can be given: No.

OBLIGATORY READING LIST:

- Ringmar, Erik: *History of international relations : a non-european perspective.* , 2019
- Stearns, Peter N.: *World history in brief : major patterns of change and continuity. Volume 1 - to 1450.* Pearson, 2012

RECOMMENDED READING LIST:

- Buzan, Barry: *International systems in world history : remaking the study of international relations.* Oxford University Press, 2000
- Spruyt, Hendrik,: *The world imagined : collective beliefs and political order in the Sinocentric, Islamic and Southeas.* Cambridge University Press, 2020
- Watson, Adam,: *The evolution of international society : a comparative historical analysis.* Routledge, 2009