

Political Geography in English

In this one-year seminar students will look into the most important and most interesting global events of the post-WW2 history. We will try to understand their origins, context, development and the way they shaped the world as we know it today. Most attention will be paid to recent history (after the year 2000) and also to current ongoing events.

The input of the course will be in the form of lectures, short video documentaries, film analysis and studying written materials. Most work will be done in classes but sometimes the students will be asked to self-study prior to the lesson (to read an article or watch a documentary) and then discuss the findings in class. The dominant language of the course is English.

Important part of the seminar are class discussions in small groups (usually in English, sometimes in Czech) where the students can express their opinion on the topics and issues presented by the teacher.

The content and the running of the seminar might be flexibly adjusted to tailor to the needs and interests of the group as well as to include important current events.

This seminar is not designed to be a thorough and systematic preparation course for a maturita exam. However, it aims to increase the students' general knowledge of the world's social and political situation and the studied content can be helpful for passing English, Geography, History or Social studies maturita exam as well as certain university entrance-tests.

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