

ERASMUS

SOCIOLOGY

1	Name of the course	Polish society today. Between post-communism and globalization
2	Name and surname of the lecturer, title / academic degree	Prof. Agnieszka Kolasa-Nowak
3	Language	angielski
4	Strona WWW	
5	Semestr	Winter and summer
6	ECTS and number of hours	<p>Hours with the participation of an academic teacher:</p> <p>Lecture 30h, 5 ECTS Consultations 5h Total number of hours with the participation of an academic teacher 35h Number of ECTS credits with the participation of an academic teacher 2</p> <p>Non-contact hours (student's own work): Studying literature 50h Preparation to the exam 25h Total number of non-contact hours 75h Number of ECTS points for non-contact hours 3</p> <p>Total number of ECTS points 5</p>
7	Prerequisites	English B2. Basic knowledge of contemporary social processes, postmodern lifestyles, and regional diversity in Europe is required. The ability to read sociological reports and interpret statistical data is also welcome.
8	Description of the course	<p>The course will be focused on Polish systemic social change, which defined major processes in last three decades. The transition from communism to liberal democracy and market economy has been a long and winding road. The course will focus on contemporary Polish society in which the global influences and convergence to dominant European trends interferes with the heritage of communist past. Several areas of study are available and student may choose to concentrate on one or two.</p> <p>Course content will be based on sociological data from Public Opinion Research Center CBOS, Eurostat, Polish longitudinal surveys and reports (Social Diagnosis, PSS, European Social Survey). The interpretations of Polish society are ranging from imitative modernization paradigm to more recent center-periphery conceptual frame. The globalization issues have also entered Polish debates with the growing concern of hierarchical and unequal dimensions of global capitalism.</p>
9	Topics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Polish society in historical and regional context. 2. European regions: West-East division in the context of modernization, economic development and national state. 3. The communist Poland: an overview. 4. The fall of the communism: dimensions of systemic transformation. 5. The center-periphery paradigm for understanding Polish society.

		6. Social stratification in Poland and the rise of new middle class. 7. Migrations, regional differentiation and transformation of rural communities. 8. Convergence or divergence: new life-styles, life chances and prospects for young generation, new family patterns, 9. Changes in values and religious beliefs. 10. Polish public sphere, civic activity of Poles, quality of democracy and the level of participation in public life. 11. Political cleavages in Poland. 12. Polish public opinion on EU-integration: comparative analysis of EU-enthusiasts and EU-skeptics. 13. Consumerism, marketization and impact of new media on everyday life in Poland. 14. Memory wars in Poland. 15. Polish society in the global context: from imitative modernization to semi-periphery. Has the war in Ukraine changed the situation of Polish society?
10	Literature	Compulsory literature: 1. Kubik, Jan (1994) Power of Symbols Against the Symbols of Power: The Rise of Solidarity and the Fall of State Socialism in Poland. 2. Reports of the Public Opinion Research Center (CBOS). 2. Eurostat data and reports. 3. Selected papers from <i>Polish Sociological Review</i> . Supplementary literature: 1. Zarycki, Tomasz (2003) Cultural Capital and the Political Role of the Intelligentsia in Poland, <i>Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics</i> , Vol. 19, no. 4, December 2003. pp. 91-108. 2. Zarycki, Tomasz (2015) Class Analysis in Conditions of a Dual-Stratification Order, <i>East European Politics & Societies</i> , August 2015 vol. 29 no. 3, pp. 711-718. 3. Zarycki, Tomasz (2015) The electoral geography of Poland: between stable spatial structures and their changing interpretations, <i>Erdkunde</i> , vol. 69, no. 2, pp. 107-124. 4. Warczok, Tomasz & Tomasz Zarycki (2014) Bourdieu recontextualized: Redefinitions of western critical thought in the periphery, <i>Current Sociology</i> , May 2014 vol. 62 no. 3, pp. 334-351. 5. Kolasa-Nowak, Agnieszka (2015) Towards Understanding Post-Communist Society. The Objectives and Audience of Sociological Study in Poland. W: V. Yevtukh, R. Radzik, G. Kisla (eds.). <i>Contemporary Problems of Social Change: Polish and Ukrainian Experience</i> . Kyiv. 6. Kolasa-Nowak, Agnieszka (2017) Polish Sociology between the Project of Organized Development and the Idea of Return to Normality. „Stan Rzeczy”. Nr13 2017.
11	Learning outcomes	<p>Knows and understands at an advanced level selected facts, objects and phenomena in the field of sociological sub-disciplines as well as other detailed social issues (K_W02) P6U_W P6S_WG</p> <p>Student can use his/her sociological knowledge in predictable conditions and in conditions requiring non-standard solutions (K_U01) P6U_U P6S_UW</p> <p>Can discuss social issues and critically evaluate the positions</p>

		of other debaters (K_U06) P6U_U P6S_UK
12	Method of verification of learning outcomes (separately for each effect)	K_W02: discussions based on lectures and assigned texts, final essay. K_U01: discussions based on lectures and assigned texts, final essay. K_U06: discussions based on lectures and assigned texts, final essay.
13	Teaching methods	Lecturing, discussions based on assigned texts.
14	1 Assessment methods 2 Assessment criteria	1. Final essay on the one chosen aspect of contemporary Polish society, possibly in comparative perspective. 2. Assessment criteria: correct use of the literature and data on the selected topic, consistency and logic of the essay, independent interpretation of the studied problem.