

Kaposvári University Faculty of Economic Science  
Department of Regional Studies and Statistics  
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## ***EDUCATIONAL THEMATICS***

### ***BSC course***

### ***International Political Economy***

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**Academic year:** 2015-2016. II. semester

**Number of class:** 20 class hours

**Credit:** 5

**Form of education:** lecture and seminar

**Form of group:** whole study group

**Form of rating:** 2 pages

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**Name of the lecturer:** DR. ZOLTÁN GÁL

**Name of the seminar leader:** DR. ZOLTÁN GÁL

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### ***Detailed course description***

The course focuses on the powerful economic, political, and technological forces that have transformed the global world. It gives attention to economic globalization, its implications for economic affairs. It stresses the importance of economic regionalism, trans-national corporations, financial globalization and financial crisis. Moreover, the course demonstrates that national policies and domestic economies remain the most critical determinants of economic affairs. The course examines the reasons behind the asymmetrical systems of political power that generates international/global disequilibria. It deals also with the patterns of regional inequality, which is primarily a result of the ways in which companies seek to create spatial divisions of labour that suits their purposes.

WEEK	DATE (MONTH.DAY)	FORM	PROGRAM	
			TOPIC	LECTURER
1.	13/02	lecture seminar	The globalization and the discourses	Zoltán Gál
2.	20/02	lecture seminar	Global and regional economic inequalities in the age of globalization	
3.	27/02	lecture seminar	The role and functions of the state State system models (U.S., Japanese, German, Chinese)	
5.	7/03	lecture seminar	The role of the state in economic development	
6.	13/03	lecture seminar	Transnational companies (TNCs) in the global space	
7.	20/03	lecture seminar	Relations between the State and the Transnational Corporations'	
8.	27/03	lecture seminar	International trade policy, and services újraiparosítás relokációja	
9.	03/04	lecture seminar	The evolution of the international monetary and financial systems (system models)	
10.	17/04	lecture seminar	The financial globalization and the neoliberal era (the operators transznacionalizációja)	
11.	24/04	lecture seminar	Transforming the state role in financial supervision and regulation: catalyst of liberalization, the intensification of regulatory functions	
12.	02/05	lecture seminar	The centres of global financial markets (USA, EU, China / Japan) and emerging centers (BRIC countries)	

13.	12/05	lecture seminar	Financial markets in the global space	
14.	19/05	lecture seminar	Financial Crisis and beyond	

### **Requirements**

Students have to present one of selected topics and all students must write an exam period.

### **Grading**

It is based on mid-term and final exam and students will also write a reaction paper, a constructive critique of the literature or choosen topic covered in class or in the readings. In addition, mastering the reading assignments and problem setting is also included in the evaluation.

Final exam 40%  
Reaction papers 40%  
Assignments 20%

### **Readings:**

**Gál Z (2010):** Pénzügyi piacok a globális térben.: A válság szabdalta pénzügyi tér.(Financial market in the global space – Crisis distorted financial space) Budapest: Akadémiai Kiadó, 2010. 780 p. (Pénzügy és számvitel) (ISBN:978 963 05 8820 1)

**Gilpin, Robert (2001)** Global Political Economy: Understanding the International Economic Order, Published by Princeton University Press

**Friedman, Thomas L.** (2006): The world is flat. A brief history of the 21st century

**Palánkai, Tibor: Economics of enlarging European Union**, Akadémiai Kiadó, Budapest, 2004

**Pellegrin J**, The Political Economy of Competitiveness in an Enlarged Europe, 2001.

**Stiglitz, Joseph E.:** Globalization and its Discontents, New York, W.W. Norton, 2002

**Gros, Daniel – Steinherr, Alfred: Economic Transition in Central and Eastern Europe (Planting the Seeds)**, Cambridge University Press 2006

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Dr. Zoltán Gál  
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Signature, of seminar leader