

Course Title: **Sociology of Globalisation**  
Lecturer: Dr. Veronika Bajt  
Academic Year: 2005/2006 (**Spring Semester**)  
(Sociologie bakalářská) Wed 16.00 – 17.40, room 33

While the main framework for the course is sociology, it is envisaged as an interdisciplinary endeavour. It highlights the interaction between globalisation and nationalism as two important social forces of contemporary world. It touches on implications of globalisation for the 'nation-state', national identity, national sovereignty, etc, but also terrorism.

The course will encourage the students to critically reflect on the context of current debates about national identity and globalisation, as well as equip them with a confidence to discuss the most pressing socio-political problems of today.

The following themes will be discussed:

Theories of globalisation; the crisis of the 'nation-state'?; the end of the national era?; minorities and citizenship; multiculturalism; global vs. local ('glocalisation'; 'global village'); globalisation and homogenisation ('Westernisation'); global culture and 'hybridisation'; transnationalism; terrorism; European Union and national identity in the globalising world.

### **Course requirements:**

Good command of English language (both spoken and written) is essential.  
Active participation.

### **Selected literature:**

Beck, Ulrich (2000) *What is globalization?* Cambridge: Polity Press.

Guibernau, Montserrat (1996) *Nationalisms: The Nation-State and Nationalism in the Twentieth Century*. Oxford: Polity Press.

*Globalisation / The Economist*. London: Economist, 2002.

Holton, Robert J. (1998) *Globalization and the Nation-state*. London: Macmillan Press.

Hutchinson, John & Anthony D. Smith (eds.) (1994) *Nationalism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Lechner, Frank J. & John Boli (eds.) (2004) *The Globalization Reader*. Malden: Blackwell Publishing.

Scholte, Jan Aart (2000) *Globalization: A Critical Introduction*. Basingstoke: Macmillan Press.

Smith, Anthony (1998) *Nationalism and Modernism: A Critical Survey of Recent Theories of Nations and Nationalism*. London: Routledge.

Spencer, Philip & Howard Wollman (2002) *Nationalism: A Critical Introduction*. London: Sage.

Tomlinson, John (1999) *Globalization and Culture*. Cambridge: Polity Press.