
Political Science

Introduction

Institute of Political Studies of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Charles University (FSV UK) offers doctoral programme in **Political Science** (Department of Political Science). Doctoral programme is accredited for four years both in their full-time and part-time form. Programme is taught in Czech and English. Studies in English are subjected to the tuition fees.

The aim of the four-year doctoral studies is to prepare highly qualified experts, able to take part in basic and applied research in academic field and at universities and also able to work in the public sector, take part in analytical activities of the state administration departments and work in various types of mass media and in the Czech or international private sector.

Doctoral studies at the IPS are based mainly on the independent scientific and research work of doctoral students. The research should result in submission of a dissertation thesis. Students should also **publish at least two scholarly articles** during the course of their studies, **take part in scientific and research activities in the form of submission of grant applications, attendance at conferences** etc. Doctoral students have also the opportunity to participate in educational activity of the faculty. Detailed information concerning the rules of the doctoral studies can be found [here](#). Full-time doctoral students are also offered to work as academic fellows at the Centre for doctoral studies ([CDS](#)), which can provide them with sufficient financial support for their research. At the CDS the students also participate in the organisational support activities of the doctoral studies at the Institute of Political Studies. The selection procedure to the CDS is held once a year and can be attended also by first-year students.

Information for Applicants

Entrance exams to the doctoral programme are held once a year, **usually in June**. Applicants to the doctoral programmes Political Science or International Relations at the Institute of Political Studies FSV UK are required to meet the following criteria:

- to have a **master's degree**, preferably in **humanities or social sciences** (degree must be recognized in the Czech Republic, see [here](#))
- to have sufficient command of **English language**,
- to have **knowledge of the given field adequate** to the requirements placed on successful master's programme graduates in Political Science or International Relations.

Detailed information concerning important deadlines and requisites of the application to the doctoral programme can be found in Academic calendar or the FSV websites.

The studies are designated for the applicants who would like to engage in professional specialisation in the field of Political Science with **focus on the following topics**:

- application and utilization of the **theoretical concepts of democracy and non-democratic forms of government** in the historical perspective and in the present,
- **transformation of political systems** with focus on the development trends related to modernization and democratization,
- **comparative analysis** with the focus on the national and regional identity,
- analysis of particular **elements of political systems**,
- **political geography**,
- analysis of **aspects of political thought** (with the focus on the 19th and 20th century).

Individual study plans enable doctoral students to adjust the content of their studies even to the needs of those of them who have not obtained a master's degree in the field of political science.

Applicants to doctoral studies in the field of political science are required to submit a project of their doctoral thesis which has to have the following parts:

- **explanation** of the proposed theme,
- **research value** of the chosen theme (i.e. expected outcome of the doctoral thesis),
- **methods** which will be used,
- **bibliography** on the basis of which the research will be conducted.

Decisive criteria for admission of an applicant are:

- **Quality of the dissertation thesis project**, the concept as well as theoretical and methodological foundations of which must be defended at the interview.
- Good **orientation in the given field** based on the general knowledge on the level of master's study of Political Science and also based on the bibliography submitted to the committee.
- **Language proficiency of the applicant**. Knowledge of English and other foreign language with regard to the issue which the applicant would like to pursue during his or her postdoctoral study is required.

Project of the dissertation thesis (first proposal) must be submitted till the **April 30th 2018** in two versions:

- **printed version** sent to **The Centre for Doctoral Studies IPS FSV UK** (U Kříže 8, Jinonice, 158 00 Praha 5)
- **electronic version** sent by email to the cds-ips@fsv.cuni.cz

The deadline for applications is **30th April 2018**. No extension of this deadline is possible.

Expected **dates of interviews** are set for **the June**.

Specific dates, information about the admission procedure and formalities of the application for doctoral studies can be found at [FSV](#).

More details on the study can be found in the [Handbook for Doctoral Students](#).

For more information about the admission process please contact Ms. Stanovska - marie.stanovska@fsv.cuni.cz from the study department.

Priority areas of supervision for 2017/2018

PhDr. Miloš Brunclík, Ph.D.

- The role of partisanship in current democracies
- The role of a head of state in European democracies

Mgr. Jan Charvát, M.A., Ph.D.

- The changes in the extreme right in Europe
- Successful extreme left projects (Syriza, Podemos etc.)
- Politicization of subcultures

PhDr. Petr Jüptner, Ph.D.

- Optimization of military areas: formation of new political systems
- The franchise for ethnic minorities at the local level
- Searching for unitary actors at the local level in the Czech Republic
- Direct election of mayors in the Czech Republic - the proposals
- Cumulation of mandates at the local level - context, motives, impacts
- The economic impact of political decisions at the regional level (in cooperation with Pardubice University)

PhDr. Hana Kubátová, Ph.D.

- Relationship between ethnicity and religion
- Nationalism and national myths
- Politics of memory

doc. PhDr. Michel Perrotino, Ph.D.

- New forms of partisanship (social networks, electronization etc.)
- New forms of partisanship in comparative perspective
- Regional parties in the Czech Republic: organization, membership and leaders
- Party organization: formal and informal structure of Czech political parties
- Principles and use of intraparty democracy within Czech political parties

PhDr. Martin Riegl, Ph.D.

- Reteritorialization of political space (as a reaction to state and non-state threats)
- The influence of external actors on the process of political disintegration (secession)
- Geopolitics of unrecognized states
- Violent non-state actors in geopolitics: rivalry of Dae'sh and Al Q.

PhDr. Michael Romancov, Ph.D.

- Geopolitics of seas and oceans
- Geopolitics and Russia

prof. PhDr. Blanka Řířhová, CSc.

- Party systems in decentralisation: the relations of central/national and regional/subnational party systems (UK, Belgium, Spain)
- Regional party systems: typology
- National identity at the turn of the 20th and 21st century