

Course structure

Sociology

Introduction to Sociology, History of Sociology (19th cent.), Research Methods I, Urban Sociology, Demography, Statistics, General Sociological Theory, Research Methods II, Data Processing, Sociology of the Family, Sociology of Work and Industry, Contemporary Sociological Theories, Sociology of Culture, Sociology of Public Opinion, Sociology of Knowledge, Social Ecology, Sociology of Politics.

Social policy and social work (combined with sociology)

Introduction to Social Policy, Social Policy in Czechoslovakia, Methods and Institutions of Social Work, Introduction to the Czechoslovak Legal System, Social Psychology, Social Pathology, Social Gerontology.

Academic staff (and their research interests and foreign scholarships)

Ivo Možný (1932), Head of the Department, Associate Professor, Vice-President of the Masaryk Sociological Association, Prague.

Sociology of Marriage and the Family, Sociology of Social Change, Social Demography.

Visiting scholar in Vaestoliitto, Helsinki (1987), Fellow in residence at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies, Wassenaar (1990-1991).

Jan Keller (1955), Associate Professor.

Contemporary Sociological Theory, Theory of Bureaucracy.

Visiting scholar at the University of Bordeaux III (1985), the University of Marseille (1988), and the Sorbonne-Paris (1991).

Hana Librova (1943), Associate Professor. Social Ecology, Demography, Environmental Ethics.

Petr Mareš (1948), Senior Research Fellow. Sociology of Work, Social and Cultural Aspects of Social Change.

Libor Musil (1959), Assistant Professor. Sociology of Work, Social Ecology, Social and Cultural Aspects of Social Change.

Liliana Nerudová (1947), Assistant Professor.

Family Sociology, Social Deviance, Social Policy.

Visiting scholar at the University of Munich (1982).

Pavel Pacl (1932), Senior Research Fellow. Sociology of Leisure, Sociology of Mass Communication.

Svatomíra Pňadková (1940), Associate Professor.

Sociology of Youth, Theory of Management.

Ladislav Rabušic (1954), Assistant Professor. Social Demography, Family Sociology, Sociology of Values, Social and Cultural Aspects of Social Change.

Visiting scholar at the University of Copenhagen (1984), the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, (1989); visiting lecturer in Beijing Foreign Studies University, China (1985-1987).

Jaroslav Střitecký (1941), Associate Professor.

History of Sociology, Sociology of Culture.

Humboldt Grant, Munich (1969, 1987).

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After November 1989 a change in the problem orientation of a certain part of Slovak sociologists took place and this led to the origin of some new research institutions.

Among them are the Institute of Central European Studies at the Faculty of Management of Comenius University in Bratislava and the private association The Centre for Social Analysis in Bratislava.

The Institute of Central European Studies (ICES)

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Comenius University in Bratislava was founded as a scientific and educational institution on January 1, 1992. It is oriented towards theoretical and empirical research of the social, cultural and political processes of the transition of Czecho-Slovak society within the context of the Central European region. The institute consists of 10 specialists, a translator and a secretary. The head of the institute is Soňa Szomolányiová, PhD.

The research activities of the ICES have been profiled by two research projects:

1. "Social Problems of the Post-Totalitarian Society: Connections of Privatization": The research team: S. Szomolányiová (Project Leader), Vladimír Krivý, Iveta Radičová.

The work on the project started in 1991 when the team was part of the staff of the Department of Sociology at the Philosophical Faculty of Comenius University in Bratislava.

2. "Development of the Political Scene within the Context of the Social and Economic Transformation of Slovak Society". The research team: Zora Bútorová (Project leader), Ivan Dianiška, Mario Dobrovodský, Pavol Frič, Oľga Gyarfášová, Tatiana Rosová, Marian Timoracký. The work on the project started in 1991 in the Institute for Social Analysis at Comenius University in Bratislava.

The ICES cooperates with several research teams in Czecho-Slovakia and abroad (Institute of Social and Political Sciences at the Charles University in Prague, Centre d'analyse et d'intervention sociologique de CNRS in Paris, East London Polytechnic, London).

The results of the ICES are published in professional journals in Czecho-Slovakia and abroad (*Sociológia*, *Sociologický časopis*, *Journal of Communist Studies*, *Uncaptive Mind*, *East European Reporter* etc.), presented at international conferences and made available to the public by means of the mass media and journals (*Národná obroda*, *Smena*, *Lidové noviny*, *Přítomnost*, *Kultúrny život*, *Respekt*, etc.).

The sociologists of the ICES participate in educational work within the framework of

Comenius University, in teaching general sociology, methods and techniques of sociological research, the history of sociology and the theory of social change, the sociology of social problems and movements, the sociology of public opinion, and the sociology of science.

The Centre for Social Analysis (C.S.A.)

is a private association oriented towards social and political research and public opinion polls. The C.S.A. was founded at the end of 1991. Its director is Tatiana Rosová, and the C.S.A. team of specialists includes Zora Bútorová, Ivan Dianiška, Mario Dobrovodský, Pavol Frič, Oľga Gyarfášová, Marian Timoracký.

Originally the C.S.A. team was working within the framework of the Research Centre for Social Problems at the Coordinating Centre of VPN (Public against Violence; February - August 1990), then at the Comenius University in Bratislava within the framework of the Institute for Social Analysis of Comenius University in Bratislava.

Since the beginning of 1990 the C.S.A. team has carried out a series of representative sociological surveys concerning the attitudes of the population of Slovakia, as well as of the ČSFR as a whole towards topical social, political and economic problems of the transition. The clients and customers of the studies produced by the C.S.A. team have been the Office of the President of the ČSFR, the Government of the ČSFR, the Government of the Slovak Republic, the Presidium of the Slovak National Council, the Ministry of Work and Social Affairs of the Slovak Republic, the Ministry of Privatization of the Slovak Republic, the Ministry of International Relations of the Slovak Republic, the Freedom House Foundation (USA), the Friedrich Naumann Stiftung, etc.

The recent representative surveys of the C.S.A. concern the following problems:

1. The social and political climate, attitudes of different categories of the population towards the post-communist regime.

2. Political preferences and social background of supporters of the different political parties.
3. The confidence of citizens in the top political institutions and personalities.
4. The hierarchy of social problems in the opinion of the population.
5. The lay-out of national and racial prejudices and intolerance in the different strata of the population; social and value background of these phenomena.
6. The relations between Czechs and Slovaks; autostereotypes and heterostereotypes of the national character.
7. Interpretations of a suitable form for the constitutional structure of the state and of the probable impacts of the possible split of Czecho-Slovakia; sensitivity towards different types of argumentation.
8. The minority issue in Slovak and Czech society with special emphasis upon relations between Slovaks and the Hungarian minority in Slovakia; attitudes of Czechs towards the Germans; prejudices and social distance towards the Jews; the Roma (Gypsies) issue.
9. Geopolitical orientations of different social categories; hopes and fears connected with European integration and with the introduction of foreign capital.
10. Attitudes of people with different political orientation and social status towards the economic reform, its pace and social impacts.
11. Specific traits of the political culture of different categories of the population, alternative interpretations of the principles of democracy.
The results of the surveys of the C.S.A. team have been summarized in the following publications:
Slovakia before the Elections I-V. Bratislava, Research Centre of Social Problems at the Coordinating Centre of Public against Violence, 1990.
Slovakia after the Elections. Bratislava, Research Centre of Social Problems at the Coordinating Centre of Public against Violence, 1990.
Topical Problems of Czecho-Slovakia - October 1990. Bratislava, Research Centre of Social Problems, 1990.
Slovakia - March 1991. Bratislava, Institute for Social Analysis, Comenius University, 1991.
Topical Problems of the Slovak Society - May 1991. Bratislava, Institute for Social Analysis, Comenius University, 1991.
Slovakia - July 1991. Bratislava, Institute for Social Analysis, Comenius University, 1991.
Topical Problems of Czecho-Slovakia - January 1992. Bratislava, Centre for Social Analysis, 1992.
Slovakia before the Elections - April 1992. Bratislava, Centre for Social Analysis, 1992.

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