

The Political System of Great Britain

The course deals with the political system of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It introduces individual political institutions, their development, and especially their current forms and mutual relations. It analyses the real function of today's political processes. The course scrutinises formal and informal sources of political power and the role and influence of individual institutions. The institutions under examination are compared with similar bodies in other consolidated democracies. The course interprets the current British political system as a "living organism" and illustrates the common rules and norms with actual examples from political life. The course also covers a great number of reforms which have been implemented in the UK over the last decade.