**Level:** PhD  
**Course title:** Comparative Analysis of the Regions by Continents  
**Status:** elective  
**ECTS:** 11  

**Requirements:** None

**Learning objectives**
To introduce students to contemporary issues of regionalization, various conceptual and organizational categories of space, individual continents and countries, certain areas. The aim is to enable students to understand the causes of diversity or similarity of certain areas or continents, as well as parts of the region, although they are sometimes not logical and easily explainable. The diversity and similarities cause large differences in the development and lifestyle. Understanding of these issues enables understanding of future trends.

**Learning outcomes**
Students learn to understand the causes of regional diversity and are able to explain the different levels of development of groups of people or whole nations or states. Students understand the problems or conflicts that result from them and that further accelerate the contemporary global changes. Students master these issues to develop critical thinking and predict future trends, and in understanding the scientific issues with certain problems.

**Syllabus**

*Theoretical classes*

Studying the issue of regional diversity of the continent. Regional diversity in certain areas. Diversity of coastal and inner-continental areas, polar, temperate, subtropical, equatorial, desert, high mountains and lowlands, and the island and continental, densely and sparsely populated and so on. The study of historical, natural and social causes of regional similarities and diversities. The impact of globalization on regional issues. Regional differences and sustainable development of regions. Geo-political processes and the impact of the crisis on regional development.

**Weekly teaching load**

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**Other:**