

The academic discipline "Participatory democracy and multilevel governance in the EU" is planned to be taught in the 4rd year of the Faculty of Law for students majoring in "Law" and "International Law" in the 7th Semester.

Lectures: 32 (once a week)

Seminars: 32 (once a week):

1 year (2024/2025): 32 x 4 groups = 160

2 year (2025/2026): 32 x 3 groups = 128

3 year (2026/2027): 32 x 4 groups = 160

THEMATIC PLAN

**of the discipline " Participatory democracy and multilevel governance in the EU
" (lectures)
Total: 32 hours**

**Topic 1. Democracy as a form of political regime: political and legal foundations
(2 hours)**

Lecturer: prof. V. Serohin

1. Concept, essence and signs of democracy.
2. Prerequisites of democracy (economic, socio-cultural, political and legal).
3. Aspects, varieties, threats and limits of democracy.
4. Features of modern constitutional democracy. Democracy in conditions of globalization and interstate integration.

**Topic 2. Democracy as one of the fundamental values of the EU
(2 hours)**

Lecturer: prof. V. Serohin

1. Democracy as the main value and guiding principle of reforms for the European Union.
2. Principles of democracy and their implementation in the EU.
3. Forms of democracy in the EU: a combination of elements of traditional and innovative democratic practice.
4. The problem of "democratic deficit" in the European Union: essence, reasons, ways to overcome it.

Topic 3. Participatory democracy: concepts, signs, legal forms of implementation in the EU

(4 hours).

Lecturer: prof. B. Przywora (Poland)

1. The concept of participatory democracy: evolution, content, basic requirements.
2. Normative basis of participatory democracy in the EU.
3. Step-by-step development of EU practices in participatory democracy, governance and civil dialogue: horizontal, vertical and structural dialogue.
4. Introduction (implementation) of participatory democracy in the EU: limits and forms of implementation.
5. "A new impetus to European democracy" as one of the priorities of the European Commission's work for 2019-2024.
6. European Democracy Action Plan (2020).
7. EU action plan on human rights and democracy for 2020-2024.

Topic 4. Participatory democracy in the EU: instrumental aspect

(2 hours).

Lecturer: prof. S. Serohina

1. The right of citizens to participate in the democratic life of the EU.
2. The right to good governance in the aspect of participatory democracy.
3. European citizens' initiative.
4. Obligation of the EC to hold consultations.
5. Participatory democracy responsibilities for national and local public authorities.

Topic 5. Democratic legitimation of the European Union

(4 hours)

Lecturer: prof. M. Hartwig (Germany)

1. Democratization and striving for legitimacy in the EU.
2. Elements of democratic theory for the EU: political and legal dimension
3. Europeanization and the challenges for democracy.
4. Participatory democracy in the debate on the democratic legitimacy of the European Union.
5. Participatory democracy after the Lisbon Treaty: legal dimension.
6. Multilevel legitimacy in the EU.
7. Modern institutional design of the European Union for the purpose of democratic legitimation.
8. Ways of deeper democratization of the EU. Reform of founding treaties as a prerequisite for the democratization of economic governance in the EU.

**Topic 6. Multilevel governance: political and legal characteristics
(2 hours)**

Lecturer: prof. S. Serohina

1. The theory of multilevel governance: a historical overview.
2. Multilevel governance: normative (political and legal) dimension.
3. The concept and typology of multilevel governance.
4. Territorial aspect of multilevel governance.
5. Reasons, advantages and disadvantages of multilevel governance.

**Topic 7. Multilevel governance as an element of European governance
(4 hours)**

Lecturer: prof. E. Albanesi (Italy)

1. European governance: concept, principles, elements.
2. The evolution of multilevel governance in the EU: from the Lisbon Treaty to the White Paper on multilevel governance.
3. The concept of multilevel governance in understanding the dynamics of the EU.
4. The concept of multilevel governance in the EU and its conceptual components: a system of continuous negotiations for governance across borders.
5. Constitutional foundations of multilevel governance in the EU.
6. Formation of EU policy as an example of multilevel governance.
7. Network governance in the EU.
8. Decentralization in the aspect of multilevel governance in the EU.
9. Multilevel governance and partnership.

**Topic 8. Multilevel governance in the EU: horizontal and vertical dimensions
(2 hours)**

Lecturer: prof. M. Voronov

1. Constitutional mutation, politicization and constituent power in the EU.
2. Horizontal division of power in the EU: supranational actors of multilevel governance.
3. Vertical division of power in the EU.
4. Reduction of horizontal and vertical asymmetry of power in the EU.

**Topic 9. Multilevel governance in the aspect of participatory democracy: EU
experience
(4 hours).**

Lecturer: prof. O. Martselyak

1. Citizens' participation and civil dialogue in the EU.

2. Phased development of EU practices in participatory democracy, governance and civil dialogue: horizontal, vertical and structural dialogue.
3. Democratic governance and public opinion.
4. Multilevel governance: the role of participatory democracy and civil society in implementing European governance through the lens of the Lisbon Treaty.
5. Perspectives of democracy in multilevel governance.
6. Participatory democracy and EU programs (LEADER, "Youth in Action", SAGA, etc.)
7. Consultations and impact assessment as tools of multilevel governance.

Topic 10. Local and regional self-government as an element of participatory democracy and multilevel governance in the EU

(2 hours)

Lecturer: prof. M. Voronov

1. White paper on multilevel governance and the role and capabilities of local and regional authorities in the context of EU multilevel governance.
2. Subnational actors and multilevel governance of the EU: between the demise of the "Europe of regions" and the emergence of "active subsidiarity".
3. Alternative governance models: regionalism and federalism.
4. Territorial cooperation and multilevel governance in the EU.

Topic 11. Participation of civil society in European governance

(2 hours)

Lecturer: prof. O. Martselyak

1. Institutions of civil society as actors of European governance.
2. The role of civil organizations in overcoming the democratic deficit of the EU.
3. Increasing the role of volunteer organizations and foundations in Europe.
4. The European Social and Economic Committee as an institutional form of civil society participation in European governance.
5. Involvement of "vertically" and territorially organized civil society: Committee of Regions.
6. "Informal" channels of participation for civil society organizations.
7. Interest groups and European governance. Mediation of interests and lobbying.
8. Civil dialogue in the aspect of participatory democracy.

Topic 12. Participatory democracy and multilevel governance: EU experience for Ukraine

(2 hours)

Lecturer: prof. M. Voronov

1. The current state of participatory democracy and multilevel governance in Ukraine from the point of view of European political and legal standards.
2. Decentralization of power in Ukraine: current state and development prospects.
3. Problems of civil society formation in Ukraine and the experience of public space development in the EU.
4. Forms of political activity of citizens in Ukraine in the aspect of European experience.