# Theories of Democracy

Term: Spring

Year: Third

ECTS credits: 6

Lessons per week: 90 + 90 min

Language: Slovak

Instructor: Prof. PhDr. František Novosád, Csc.

Form of study: lecture + seminar

**Objectives**

The course is devoted to analysis of main theories of democracy in the 20th century. We will discuss the arguments pro and contra of democracy as they were formulated in the works of Josef Schumpeter, Max Weber, Carl Schmitt and Robert Dahl.

**Contents**

We will read the selected texts of eminent thinkers of 20th century and analyze their conception of democracy. Starting point will be the book of Austrian thinker Josef Schumpeter Capitalism, Socialism, Democracy. The general background of discussions will be the book of David Held Models of democracy. Central issue will be the complex and contradictory relationship between democracy and globalization.

**Reading**

Schumpeter, J. A.: Kapitalismus, socialismus a demokracie, CDK, Brno, 2004

Carl Schmitt: Concept of Political

David Held: Models of Democracy