

Module Description: Bachelor and Masterlevel

1.	Module Code	PBM-24
2.	Module Title	Democratic Society and Citizenship
3.	Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Christine Hunner-Kreisel
4.	Teaching Staff	M.Sc. Javid Jafarov
5.	<p>Competences</p> <p>“Knowledge and Understanding”</p> <p>“Skills”</p>	<p><u>After completing the module students have acquired</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • broad understanding and knowledge of the history, nature and value of democracy • Key knowledge of different models of democracy and their socio-cultural foundations • theoretical tools and empirical evidence necessary to understand how the process of democratic society building can be supported and how young people can actively participate in this process • critical approaches to the problems of defining who are citizens, what their rights and duties are and how they should be represented in society • Understanding of the differences between being a citizen and being an active citizen • Understanding of the challenges societies are facing today and role of a citizen in coping with these challenges <p><u>Students are able to</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • debate the core principles associated with the concept of democracy and demonstrate awareness of their strengths and weaknesses • critically analyze the notion of democracy in the context of its history and nature by evaluating historical and contemporary arguments concerning democracy as a moral ideal and a form of government • rethink and criticize their roles, rights and duties in society as a citizen • propose and discuss their own arguments on how to build and maintain a democratic society • defend, justify and promote their active participation in society • develop individual opinions on how to deal with the challenges societies and democracy are facing • recognize and apply main theoretical statements to empirical research
6.	Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergence of democracy: from historical to contemporary justifications • Models of democracy (e.g., Direct Democracy) • The development and concepts of civil society • Citizenship- more than leaving in a country or having a passport • Defining a citizen’s rights, responsibilities and role in society • Active participation in a society as a citizen • Challenges societies are facing and possible ways to deal with them

