

FOREWORD

The modern world has been undergoing swift changes. In the last few years, globalisation is the key phrase used in both scientific and public discourses to describe the complexity and multidimensionality of the science and university education in IR and political studies as the processes of the globalisation significantly determine changes in the functioning of communities and states. This needs to be reflected also in language skills of IR graduates.

This textbook is devoted to students of international relations in their master study predominantly as having obtained fundamentals of international relations theory, political science, and other related fields of study as economics, cultural and security studies and others.

This textbook is not only rising their IR expertise, but the main aim of this book is to develop also language proficiency of the students who predominantly obtain their education in the Slovak language. Thus, their English skills and abilities, however reaching advance level of proficiency, often lack proficiency also when required for expert topics.

The textbook is divided into six main parts, mutually interconnected in their contents and required knowledge focusing on international aspects and fundamentals, continuing with role of international organisations as understood as one of the forms of state interactions, gradually continuing with specific EU vocabulary so required for students when in touch with the current political and economic challenges raised to modern national states.

The presented textbook's ambition is to contribute to expanding knowledge of IR students on these demanding and complicated political surrounding in a language aspect.

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