

## Syllabus

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| <b>Title of course:</b>        | <b>Social Psychology 1. lecture</b>      |
| <b>Code:</b>                   | <b>BPSA 1170</b>                         |
| <b>Course requirement:</b>     | weekly assignments, multiple choice test |
| <b>Time:</b>                   | Mon, 10:45-12:15                         |
| <b>Place:</b>                  | B313                                     |
| <b>Weekly hours:</b>           | 2  |
| <b>Credits:</b>                | 3  |
| <b>Name of course leader:</b>  | Dr. KISS, Paszkál                        |
| <b>Title of course leader:</b> | associate professor                      |

The lecture provides an introduction to social psychology. We cover the topics of communication, social relations, group processes, and intergroup relations by discussing the main research questions, theoretical explanations, and empirical results of the field. The aim of the course is to explore the social and societal contexts of human behaviour, give an overview of the different theoretical perspectives in social psychology, help to explore the richness of approaches in studying social reactions, thoughts and feelings. We have weekly assignments: writing 2 multiple-choice questions about the last discussed topic every week (24%). A written exam is also held in the exam period: 44 multiple-choice questions (66%) and 2 essay questions (10%) will be asked. Both weekly assignments and written exam are administered in Moodle online.

General announcements will be sent in Neptun messages. My email address is: [kiss.paszkal@kre.hu](mailto:kiss.paszkal@kre.hu). My office hours are online on Thursday 16:15-17:45 in MS Teams, please send an email for prenotation.

### Semester schedule

| Weeks | Date        | Topic  |
|-------|-------------|--|
| 1.    | 14.09.2020  | Power of the situation and significance of others – perspective and methods of social psychology |
| 2.    | 21.09.2020  | Communication and language   |
| 3.    | 28.09.2020. | Attraction and close relationships   |
| 4.    | 05.10.2020  | Helping, aggression  |
| 5.    | 12.10.2020  | The self in social interactions  |
| 6.    | 02.11.2020  | Social influence – conformity, innovation, power   |
| 7.    | 09.11.2020  | People in groups – group dynamics and structure  |
| 8.    | 16.11.2020  | Leadership, group performance, decision-making   |
| 9.    | 23.11.2020  | Perceiving groups, prejudice, discrimination   |
| 10.   | 30.11.2020  | Intergroup relations, social identity  |
| 11.   | 07.12.2020  | Social and cultural contexts of human behaviour  |
| 12.   | 14.12.2020  | Social psychology in action: Using social psychology to achieve a sustainable and happy future   |

### Readings

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