

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)
Faculty/Institute/College Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSO 377 **Course Title** Devolution, Privatization and the State
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** None
5. **Type of Course** Major elective of International Studies Concentration
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** TBA

7. **Course Description**

A critical examination of the factors leading to devolution and decentralization in government. The popularity of local autonomy and regionalism in politics. The parallel trends of de - relegation and privatization in business. Re - defining the role of nation and central governments and their responsibilities to citizens.

8. **Course Objective (s)**

- 1) To introduce the social issues involved in privatization.
- 2) To encourage rational thinking in economic issues.

9. **Course Outline**

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	Introduction; current theoretical perspectives in administrative planning	4	TBA
2	Local governance and democracy	4	
3	Intergovernmental fiscal systems	4	
4	Government and business : political and economic relationships	4	
5	Trends in de - centralization and privatization	4	
6	The critics of privatization and de - centralization and what they say	4	
7	Global experience and framework for de - centralization	4	
8	Local and national taxation and the fiscal network	4	
9	Intergovernmental transfers	4	
10	The contract state : Privatizing governmental services	4	
11	Assigning and delivering services	4	
	Total	44	

10. **Teaching Method (s)**

Lecture and discussion.

11. Teaching Media

Texts, transparencies, videos.

12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement

The standard scale of 90 - 100 = A, 85 - 89 = B+, 80 - 84 = B, etc. 60 is required to pass.

13. Course evaluation

Grading will be based on two in - class exams (45% each) and contribution to discussion 10%.

14. Reference (s)

Nagel, Stuart S. Critical Issues in Cross - National Public Administration : Privatization, Democratization, Decentralization, Quorum, Westport, Ct., 2000.

15. Instructor (s)

TBA

16. Course Coordinator

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