

## INTERNATIONAL DEBATE ACADEMY SLOVENIA 2014

### **MORNING LECTURES & EXERCISES from 9.00 – 11.30**

Participants are divided in three groups, each group has different lecture followed by exercises.

Sunday

- Public Speaking
- Argumentation
- Strategy

Monday

- Argumentation
- Motion Analysis
- Framing & Language

Tuesday

- Motion Analysis
- First teams
- Whip speech

Wednesday

- First Teams
- Second teams
- Points of Information

Thursday

- Second teams
- Points of information
- To Be Announced

### **ELECTIVE CLASSES OFFERED FOR STUDENTS TO CHOOSE FROM**

#### **SUNDAY ELECTIVES at 15.00**

##### **Political Economy: CRISIS OF CAPITALISM - CAPITALISM AS CRISIS (Case against Capitalism), Miha Andrić, Špik**

In the lecture we will critically analyze global economic system and modern capitalist economy. We will show how and why capitalism is always exploitative system which necessarily leads to the economic crisis and recession. Proceeding from the analysis of the failure of classical/mainstream economy we will present current economic crisis as the crisis of capitalist mode of production. Through the prism of economic growth. Rate of profits and rate of accumulation of the Western countries in the 20th century we will point to the inner contradictions of capitalist economy.

##### **HOW JUDGES LOOK AT DEBATES, Maja Cimerman, Jezerci**

How judges judge and how you can help them give you a first. About clash and framing and loads of other stuff. Whip Speakers especially might find this helpful.

### **Empathy - the gateway to analysis, Filip Dobranić, Room 2**

"Better analysis" seems to be the holy grail of debating - all the judges are obsessed with it. Its popularity has completely mystified what it was supposed to mean. What is this better "analysis", and how do we approach it?

### **LANGUAGE CHOICE IN DEBATE AND ENGLISH SPEAKING STRATEGIES, Gina Iberi – Shea, Gobela**

This is a practical lecture on using language in a debate round. We will look at definitions in the round, the effects of word choice on persuasion, and what to do when you don't have the words.

### **"How to build economic arguments", Arlan Narvaez, Rute**

Basic economics stressing hints for using it to build debate arguments.

### **THE POWER OF DEFINITION, Maja Nenadović, Otroška igralnica**

Definitions are essential to a good debate, and great debates can be had over how to define the key concepts. This elective is a practical one, with exercises, teaching debaters about how to use and protecting themselves against mis/abuse of the power of definition.

### **Style Mechanics and Persuasion, Alfred Snider, Vinoteka**

This elective will deal with the basics of physical delivery (voice, hands, body, face, etc.) in presenting a more persuasive message. This elective cannot give you the content, but it can help you with your delivery mechanics.

## **SUNDAY ELECTIVES at 16.00**

### **Political Philosophy: IDEOLOGY and MODERN POLITICAL DISCOURSES, Miha Andrić, Vinoteka**

In the lecture we will firstly try to conceptualize the relation between politics, economy and society and then we will analyze the crucial role of ideology in our "post-ideological era". We will familiarize ourselves with two philosophical interpretations of modern political power i.e. the modern state. Through the concept of "social contract" and "social formation" we will analyze four modern political discourses: democracy, liberalism, autocracy, and totalitarianism.

### **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN A NUTSHELL, Janja Avguštin, Jezerci**

- for beginners and for those who wish to refresh basic terminology

This elective will touch upon basics of international relations: what are they comprised of, what are the main actors, what is the role of international organizations. Main theories of understanding international relations will be briefly presented. Further, we will also be discussing basics of international law: what it is and how it defines relations between states. The aim of this elective is to cover the fundamentals of relationships in the international community, understand the core principles and allow for discussion on current events through the framework of basic concepts.

### **What's wrong with the social contract, Filip Dobranić, Otroška igralnica**

Once the coolest kid on the block has gotten some (well deserved) bad rep in the past few years. What exactly are the flaws of the argument? Are there any ideas that could still prove useful? We'll try to find out.

**Listening awareness, Alexander Eerdmans, Gobela**

In this course you will analyze yourself to better understand others in how you differ in your listening preferences. This course will give insights in why some fundamental speech techniques are so powerful.

**WAGES, WORK AND WOMEN** (feminist political economy 101), **Julia Mikić, Špik** In this elective we are going to explore the oft-misinterpreted notions of gender pay gap, feminization of labour/feminization of poverty, productive vs. non-productive/reproductive labour, and the (never) missing link between capitalism and the patriarchy. We are also going to look at different policies from various places and eras which have – more or less successfully – tried to address these issues.

**“Where do money comes from? (the limits to debts)”, Arlan Narvaez, Rute**

Part 2 of "How to build economic arguments" stressing money and budget issues for building arguments.

**"Scrabble" - Motion analysis. Viktor Prlja, Room 2** Case building. Identifying stakeholders. What to do with motions that you have no idea what they're about.

**MONDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014**  
**AT 15.00**

**Five to rule them all - maintenance of international peace and security, Janja Avguštin, Špik**

- for beginners, but lots of fun for intermediate level as well

Everything you ever wanted to know about the UN Security Council! How it works, why it doesn't, and how many resolutions does it take to maintain international peace and security. Discuss its composition, reform ideas, and the problems pertaining to this political body. Learn about the difference between blue helmets and multinational coalitions. Learn about different forms of sanctions. Learn about the role of regional organizations and coalitions of willing. The aim of this elective is to understand the UN Security Council and discuss maintenance of international peace and security (past and current examples) through the UN framework.

**Violence Against Women, Gina Iberi-Shea, Gobela**

This is a content elective focusing on how women are affected by violence in numerous contexts. We will look at the effects of war on women and also how specific policies (or even micro actions in a debate round) may contribute to increased violence against women.

**NOTETAKING 101, Jezerci, Julia Mikić**

New to debating or just think you could use more structure? Worry not – this elective is here to give you both the room to compare notes (in every sense) with others, as well as learn some tips and tricks that can help your notes – and speech – get more organized!

### **DECONSTRUCTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS FRAMEWORK, Rute, Maja Nenadović**

Human rights education has been an integral part of civic education in most Western countries. However, the human rights framework has several in-built paradoxes that need further scrutiny. This elective deconstructs human rights framework, both theory and practice.

### **Every picture needs a good frame, Vinoteka, Lindsey Dixon**

Explaining the basics of framing in debate to help make your arguments more appealing and cohesive.

### **Arguing on the Internet, Room 1, Filip Dobranić**

Never have we produced so many structured arguments as we do on the Internet. Each website governed by their own subset of rules displays a wonderful rainbow of human disagreement. We'll look at some good and bad practices of arguing on the Internet and use them to make our arguments tough as can be.

### **Ecological Philosophies, Otroška igralnica, Alfred Snider**

It is not sufficient to just say that you "love the Earth." What are the various relationships that humans can have with and within the larger sphere of life and habitat here on this planet? From the evil to the fanciful, these philosophies may help you discover issues on ecology motions as well as remain consistent on your side.

**At 16.00**

### **Debating and power, Otroška igralnica, Filip Dobranić**

Discourse theorists have long since talked about discursive positions speakers inhabit, but when it comes to debating, we seem to be operating under the assumption that all debaters are on an equal playing field. And on those occasions where we do consider (native, popular) speakers as those with unjust power, we envision these categories as static. We'll get rid of both ideas.

### **Pop Culture: Why Miley Cyrus, Justin Beiber, and Yeezus matter in debating, Vinoteka, Lindsay Dixon**

In this elective we will discuss the importance of popular culture and how these individuals affect society, the youth, media etc. We will also discuss different media theories you can utilize in debates

### **"Tough crowd" – Demographics, Gobela, Viktor Prlja**

Why they matter. Effects of overpopulation. Tipping points. Population ctrl models

### **DEBATING WOMEN'S RIGHTS, Špik, Sharmila Parmanand**

Understand the gendered nature of the market and the political system and the unique impacts on women of conflict, poverty, and social policies. Navigate through the diverse interests of feminist movements. What are the different views on pornography, prostitution, affirmative action, exclusive access to microfinance for females, and similar tricky questions for women's empowerment? What are the trade-offs of various advocacy strategies such as Slut Walk, dude feminism, Leaning In, etc.?

### **FOF-Fundamentals of Finance, Jezerci, Alexander Eedermans**

Free riders, Population theorama of Malthus. hidden unemployment?

In this course I will explain ideas and concepts of finance in ordinary language. The purpose of this course is to make you think and understand these highly abstract concepts by using small every day examples. You will see what certain concepts entail and why they can or cannot work.

We will deal with scarcity, trading and time; what value is and where it comes from.

### **How to work as a team aka Couples Therapy, Maja Cimerman, Room 1**

I don't believe in worlds-winning-debate-partnerships on first sight. Chemistry within the team is something you need to work for. For new team partners and old ones who feel like they might need to revive that spark. Couples only! I mean... both speakers should attend.

### **DEMOCRACY PROMOTION, Rute, Maja Nenadović**

It is still promoted as preferred form of government, despite its many pitfalls and paradoxes. This elective will teach you about democracy, how it is promoted by Western countries, and with what results.

## **TUESDAY ELECTIVES at 17.00**

### **Use of force in international relations, Špik, Janja Avguštin**

- for beginners and for those who wish to refresh basic terminology

This elective will focus on the use of force with an overview of history, touch upon ideas about justification of wars and explain the modern framework in allowing/prohibiting the use of force in international relations. Among the questions discussed: what does it mean to use force in international relations, who is allowed and under what circumstances, what is the difference between illegal and illegitimate use of force. Can the use of force by 'villains' be undone with the use of force by 'the good guys'? Should the use of force be fought with further use of force?

### **Middle East, Rute, Maja Cimerman**

From Aladdin to Al Qaida and the Arab Spring. We are going to discuss who-hates-who, GCC, oil, baklava, Islam and much more. And of course how we talk about the Middle East. And how we talk about how we talk about the Middle East.

### **DEBATING SEX WORK, Jezerci, Julia Mikić**

A hot yet extremely complicated topic, this elective will attempt to go beyond the simple arguments for/against legalization, regulation, or banning, and instead try and present the different, complex, and oft-overlooked realities and facts relating to this ever-controversial phenomenon.

### **Advanced BP Strategies, Gobela, Sharmila Parmanand**

(this is only for those who have no previous exposure to BP; I try to contrast it to different formats and identify what's unique to this format from a broad perspective)

Persuasion is format-specific! Understand the nuances of BP in order to maximize the impact of your team's case. As opposed to binary formats, BP debates feature shifting dynamics and shorter preparation time. Strategy is key in picking up the points. This lecture covers extensions, whip speeches, prep time suggestions for each team, and thorny issues such as defending weak opening teams on the same side, highlighting your team's contribution, and edging out the other team on the diagonal.

### **"Holier than thou": Opposition strategies. Vinoteka, Viktor Prlja**

How to choose clashes. How to determine the right strategies. How to be more progressive than the proposition.

**Islamic banking, Otroška igralnica, Trevor Woodward**

**JESUS, why are debates about religion terrible? Room 1, Lindsay Dixon**

Let's talk about religion and how we can have better debates about a topic that affects billions of people.

**TUESDAY ELECTIVES  
at 18.00**

**Common arguments, Otroška igralnica, Maja Cimerman**

We are going to examine some common argument that you can use in loads of different debates (perception, resentment, essentialisation, political capital, institutionalisation, black market, etc.). The aim of the workshop is to discuss when to use these arguments, how to make them well and how to refute them. (It might sound a bit boring but it's super exciting!)

**What's in a name - war or armed conflict, Room 1, Janja Avguštin**

- mainly for beginners, but interesting facts for all-level players  
what are the differences between war and armed conflict? What are the differences between civil war and popular uprising? Who are the main belligerents? In this elective we will cover some basic definitions and discuss (historic) examples of different types of conflict. We will also turn to different (scientific) databases which track conflict to understand the differences. Then we will compare the definitions with current political affairs. If nobody reports on a war and no international body puts it on an agenda, is it still a war?

**Debating women's rights, Špik, Sharmila Parmanand**

Understand the gendered nature of the market and the political system and the unique impacts on women of conflict, poverty, and social policies. Navigate through the diverse interests of feminist movements. What are the different views on pornography, prostitution, affirmative action, exclusive access to microfinance for females, and similar tricky questions for women's empowerment? What are the trade-offs of various advocacy strategies such as Slut Walk, dude feminism, Leaning In, etc.?

**"It's the economy, stupid" - Economics in debate. Jezerci, Viktor Prlja**

Keynesian politics vs. Free-market libertarianism. How do economic crises happen and what do (argue) to do about them.

**Climate Change Briefing, Gobela, Alfred Snider**

How does the climate change, why does it change and what can humans do about it? This elective will provide a foundation for understanding as well as spin out various approaches to the problems. Half physics, half speculation.

**It's not enough to question authority. Vinoteka, Lindsey Dixon**

You got to speak with it, too: focus on novices learning more about conviction in the voice when presenting their arguments.

**"Understanding Latin American Issues", Rute, Arlan Narvaez**

Broad characterization of Latin American Countries useful for debating issues related to that Region

**ELECTIVES, WENSDAY**

**at 15.00**

**To intervene or not to intervene, Gobela, Janja Avguštin**

- not for beginners, and not for the faint-hearted

Firstly, we will discuss the definitions of intervention in international relations and the different forms and shapes they can take. Then we will try to find and examine historical examples for different definitions. Most importantly, we will discuss current crises and possibilities, probabilities and feasibilities of different types of intervention. How would you deal with the situation in Syria? How about the situation in Ukraine? Why is there a difference? Should there be a difference?

**What can literature teach us about debating, Špik, Maja Cimerman**

Arguably, some of the best arguments ever made are actually part of works of fiction. We are going to read some poems and stories and hopefully learn a bit about good analysis.

**Debating Food and "Cowspiracy", Otroška igralnica, Gina Iberia - Shea**

Workshop for debates on food, food production, pesticides, GMOs, etc. We will explore interrelated arguments between food, the environment, nutrition, violence, and international relations.

**BAD SCIENCE, Room 1, Julia Mikić**

'Tis the era of Reason, and Science (tm) has the last word in weeding sense from nonsense! Or does it? Or are we just more ready to swallow nonsense if presented as a research paper? This elective takes a critical look at the ubiquitous fallacies present in "popular science", questioning biases posing as "objective facts" and our own epistemological arrogance through examples new and old.

**DEBATING SECESSIONIST MOVEMENTS, Jezerci, Maja Nenadović**

Ukraine, Kosovo, Georgia, Armenia, China, Russia, Spain, UK, Hungary - all these countries, and many more, face the question of secession, autonomy of minorities, re-integration and re-joining of territories historically belonging under a single national unit. This elective will cover secessionist claims, territorial integrity, national sovereignty and their implications for the local, regional, and international system.

**"Debating on Developing Countries", Špik, Arlan Narvaez**

A brief summary of the common characteristics of developing Countries useful to build debate arguments.

**WEDNESDAY at 17.00**

**Motion analyses, Otroška igralnica, Sharmila Parmanand**

Debating is not just about having more arguments than the other side. Develop the ability to quickly scrutinize motions and assess whether they require policies or counter-policies. Learn to identify the burdens of each side, map out the tactical choices for each team and their advantages and disadvantages, frame the important questions of the debate, troubleshoot potential contradictions, respond to soft and unexpected cases, take the moral high ground in the debate, and more.

**"I'll be the judge of that": Summary speeches. Jezerci, Viktor Prija**

Identifying important clashes. Determining unanswered questions. Predicting issues the adjudicators are most likely raising and then telling them the answers".

**Giving your arguments more impact, Gobela Alfred Snider**

A discussion of the various ideas one can use to make things seem more important. From the simple to the obscure, this elective will show its weight.

**"Vulture creditors", Rute, Arlan Narvaez**

What are they? Elements for understanding the foreign debt of Developing Countries.

**JUDGING 101, Špik, Julia Mikić**

New to judging or just want to see the world through adjudicators' eyes? What \*really\* happens after the debaters leave the room? The stuff you've always wanted to know (or suspected) about judging BP but were afraid to ask – ask in this elective!

**Economics of Green Tech, Vinoteka, Trevor Woodward**

**THURSDAY ELECTIVES@15.00**

**INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE AND SECURITY, Janja Avguštin, Špik**

- not for beginners, and not for the faint-hearted

Maintenance of international peace and security extends beyond dealing with the current conflicts. Threats to international security are broader than armed rebellions. Responses to these threats are more complex than just military interventions and weapons embargos. We will discuss the broader picture of peace and security in the world and discuss the attempts of dealing with bigger-picture problems. Would development aid, if better executed, prevent armed conflict? Do counter-terrorism measures improve or worsen the situation? What about cyber security? Are international organizations the best way to deal with these issues?

**Let's talk about sex, Otroška igralnica, Lindsay Dixon**

How do we actual debate about sex/sexuality? In debates about sex debaters sometimes get freaked out and don't really make the best arguments nor do they know how to actually talk about sex.

**Understanding Oil Prices“, Rute, Arlán A. Narváez-Vaz R.**

Will the fall of oil prices last? What is happening with the energy sources?

**THE SITUATION OF ROMA IN EUROPE, Gobela, Maja Nenadović**

Roma are the largest minority in Europe, persecuted for centuries, still targets of continued discrimination. This elective will cover their history, current problems they are facing, and the failures of both the European Union and the national governments to ensure their protection.

**HOW TO STEAL THE MORAL HIGHGROUND, Vinoteka, Sharmila Parmanand**

**Setting Motions at Tournaments, Room 1, Alfred Snider**

Stop complaining about motions and start writing them. A discussion of procedure in setting motions, considerations in drafting motions, guidelines for motion writing, tests of proposed motions and finally how to sequence motions at a tournament.



## **THURSDAY ELECTIVES@16.00**

### **It's not enough to question authority, Gobela, Lindsay Dixon**

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### **ECONOMIC LOGIC EXPLAINED, Rute, Alexander Eedermans**

I will be demonstrating a highly secret consulting method as key instrument to identify benefits and qualification for the logical economic chain. Halve of this course will be the Great Experiment of Alex (GEA) in which you will do something..... and it will be fun :-)

### **BEGINNERS ... QUESTIONS YOU STILL WANT TO ASK, Otroška igralnica, Gina Iberri - Shea**

This is an open session to clarify issues on format, speaking, points of information, or anything else you feel unsure about. We will also discuss ways to deal with topics you know nothing about.

### **„Values and Principles in Debating“, Vinoteka, Arlán A. Narváez-Vaz R.**

A summary of the most common principles that you can use in debating and how to use them whatever your side is?

### **STRATEGY, Jezerci, Sharmila Parmanand**

### **"Red Alert" - Cold war introduction class. Špik, Viktor Prlja**

NATO, Warsaw Pact and the Non-aligned; Major events; Military strategies; Aftermath of the Soviet break-up.