**Seminar k aktualitam Semester 1 2020-2021**

**Topics**

**These are huge topics so is important to narrow the topics down. This can be done for example by focusing on one particular aspect, doing a case study, or narrowing the focus to a particular country, region, group or issue.**

\*Rise of populism/extremism (one way to narrow this topic would be a case study of a particular country, region or party; Hungary; Poland; Is populism a threat to democracy?).

\*Brexit (e.g. likelihood of no deal; impact on Britain, impact on the EU; impact on the Czech Republic; Northern Ireland; Scotland; the future trade relationship; consequences for a particular group, i.e farmers, auto manufacturers, poorer citizens)

\*Coronavirus (any aspect; economic consequences; impact on inequality; impact on politics; the race to find a vaccine etc.)

\*The 2020 US elections

\*Environmental issues (e.g. the Paris climate agreement; climate protests; technology)

North Korea (e.g. how to deal with its nuclear programme) 3

The EU (e.g. current EU issues, e.g. the new European Commission, the Macedonia name dispute; the White Paper on the Future of Europe; Euroskepticism; energy security; EU-Russian relations; EU-China relations) 5

China (e.g. controversy over Huawei; economy; trade wars; human rights) 5

Gender issues: sexual exploitation in South Korea 3

The Middle East 3

Cybersecurity (e.g. European Commission policy and measures; Russian media influence in politics; government regulation to control fake news/extremism; alleged Chinese cyber espionage (Huawei); US defence department outsourcing of cloud services) 4

The future of European security (e.g. building of EU defense capability; should there be an EU army?; the future of NATO; NATO Enhanced Forward Presence) 3