

Title:	Public information and open government
Lecture hours:	15
Study period: (summer/winter)	Summer/Winter
Number of credits:	3 ECTS
Assessment methods:	Activity, presence, discussion, analysis and work with digital data.
Language of instruction:	English
Prerequisites:	None.
Course content:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction, the meaning of public information. 2. The “right to know” and its evolution. 3. Access to public information in Poland. Political dimensions 4. Access to public information around the world. Political dimensions 5. Public finances and voting behaviour and access to public information. 6. Decision making processes in the light of public information. 7. Public policies in the light of public information. 8. <i>Watchdog</i> movements and bloggers in Poland and around the world.
Learning outcomes:	Acquaint students with public information issue. Students will understand the meaning of public information and its impact on political life. It will rise students’ interest in public information and its use. Students will be able to interpret politics in the context of public information. They are going to gain practical skills by asking about public information and they will learn interpretation of them. Students will understand the “behind the curtain” politics.
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Literature:	<p>M. Wałdoch, <i>Access to public information as a political sciences technique: what and how should be studied, and what for?</i>, “World of Ideas and Politics” 2019.</p> <p>P. Jeager, J. Bertot, <i>Transparency and technological change: ensuring equal and sustained public access to government information</i>, “Government Information Quarterly” 2010.</p> <p>S. Morris, H. Song Shin, <i>Social Value of Public Information</i>, “American Economic Review” 2002.</p> <p>B. Banaszak, M. Bernaczyk, <i>Open Government in Poland: The Current Situation and its perspectives</i>, “European Public Law” 2011.</p> <p>Blogging sites with use of public information.</p>