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## **The Political Geography**

The course uses the term „state“ as the most significant term of political geography.

The aim is to focus on the core of the power of the national state by outlining specific geographic features or areas that are crucial for political control. This thinking is based on geopolitics. The contents of the course reflect those processes which concern world political maps formation. These processes are influenced by certain significant factors: the growing of differentiation of the political map of the world regarding the growth in number of geopolitical subjects (states, international organisations, transnational corporations, integration groups etc.); intensification of international relations between many geopolitical subjects; the radical changes in the world after 1989; the complicated political, economic and social relations between North and South; the growing importance of demographic factors; the growing influence of regional movements; the dynamic changes in the world economy and the new role of national states in new circumstances.