

Course description

Course abbreviation:	KFR/MCOPP	Page:	1 / 5
Course name:	Contemporary Political Philosophy		
Academic Year:	2024/2025	Printed:	29.05.2024 23:04

Department/Unit /	KFR / MCOPP			Academic Year	2024/2025
Title	Contemporary Political Philosophy			Type of completion	Examination
Accredited/Credits	Yes, 7 Cred.			Type of completion	Combined
Number of hours	Lecture 2 [HRS/WEEK] Seminar 2 [HRS/WEEK]			Course credit prior to	YES
Occ/max	Status A	Status B	Status C	Counted into average	YES
Summer semester	0 / 3	0 / 0	0 / 17	Min. (B+C) students	not determined
Winter semester	0 / -	0 / -	0 / -	Repeated registration	NO
Timetable	Yes			Semester taught	Summer semester
Language of instruction	English			Internship duration	0
Optional course	Yes			Ev. sc. – cred.	S/N
Evaluation scale	A B C D E F				
No. of hours of on-premise	0				
Auto acc. of credit	No				
Periodicity	K				
Substituted course	None				
Preclusive courses	N/A				
Prerequisite courses	N/A				
Informally recommended courses	N/A				
Courses depending on this Course	N/A				

Course objectives:

Lecture

The first part of the course will examine basic concepts of current political philosophy.

Seminar (M. Cibík):

The course will examine the relationship between political philosophy and political practice. It will systematically look at the questions like: What are the limits of political philosophy? What is that political theory does? Is there a purpose in thinking about utopias? And why?

Requirements on student

Paper of 8-10 pages submitted before June, 30, 2023

Content

The course will be divided into 2 quasi-independent parts. The "lecture" will be taught by dr. Václav Sklenář and the "seminar" by dr. Matej Cibík

Lecture (V. Sklenář)

In this part of the course, we are going to explore three basic concepts of today's political debate through engaging with famous political analyses. The structure is as follows:

1. Introductory lecture

Theme 1: What is a nation (state)?

- Benedict Anderson - Imagined Communities
- Michael Billig - Banal Nationalism
- David Miller - National Responsibility and Global Justice
- Liav Orgad - The Cultural Defense of Nations

Theme 2: What is capitalism?

- Ellen Meiskins Wood - The Origin of Capitalism

7. Leif Wenar - Blood, Oil, Tyrants, Violence, and the Rules that Run the World
8. Naomi Klein - The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism
9. Slavoj Žižek - First as Tragedy, Then as Farce

Téma 3: What is democracy?

10. David Held - Models of Democracy (part 2)
11. David Held - Models of Democracy (part 2)
12. David Held - Models of Democracy (part 3)
13. David Held - Models of Democracy (part 3)

Passages to be read will be specified and texts provided.

The seminar

The aim of the seminar is to discuss some aspects of contemporary political theorizing that were not discussed in the winter term in my "Problems of political philosophy" course. The main motivation of the course is to examine the relationship between political philosophy and political practice. It will systematically look at the questions like: What are the limits of political philosophy? What it is that political theory does? Specifically, what is the relationship between actual politics and its theorising? Is there any purpose or benefit in utopian thinking?

The first part of the course will be thus focused on the clash between "moralism" and "realism" as two opposing programmes for political theory. We will start with reading excerpts from Gerald Gaus' *Philosophy and Real Politics*, Williams' *At the beginning there was deed*, David Enoch's *Utophobia* and others (specifically Chantal Mouffe, Adam Swift and Andrea Sangiovanni). This will take roughly half of the course.

In the second half, we will discuss the application of political theory into some real-life problems, focusing especially on:

- Debates on global justice
- Hate speech and its regulation
- Human rights and their philosophical foundations

Week-by week:

I. Introduction - The problem of congruence

II. Philosophy and Real Politics

(Literature: Raymond Guess: *Philosophy and Real Politics* (excerpts))

III. The value of utopian thinking

(Literature: David Estlund: *Utophobia*)

IV. Agonism

(Literature: Chantal Mouffe: *Deliberative Democracy or Agonistic Pluralism?*)

V. Ideal and non-ideal theory

(Literature: Stemplowska & Swift: *Ideal and Non-ideal theory*)

VI. Cosmopolitanism and global justice

(Literature: Thomas Pogge: *Cosmopolitanism and Sovereignty*)

VII. Cosmopolitanism and global justice II

(Literature: Tomas Nagel: *The Problem of Global Justice*)

VIII. Nationalism

(Literature: Will Kymlicka: *Citizenship in the era of Globalization*)

IX. Free speech/Hate speech

Literature: Waldron

X. Human rights

Prerequisites - other information about course preconditions

Competences acquired

Fields of study

Guarantors and lecturers

- **Guarantors:** doc. Mgr. Tomáš Hejduk, Ph.D.
- **Lecturer:** doc. Mgr. Tomáš Hejduk, Ph.D. (100%), Mgr. Václav Sklenář, Ph.D. (100%)
- **Seminar lecturer:** Mgr. Matej Cibik, Ph.D. (100%), doc. Mgr. Tomáš Hejduk, Ph.D. (100%)

Literature

Teaching methods

Assessment methods

Course is included in study programmes:

Study Programme	Type of	Form of	Branch	Stage	St. plan v.	Year	Block	Status	R.year	R.
Ethics and Political Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Ethics and Political Philosophy	1	2022	2024	Compulsory Courses	A	1	LS
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English Language Teacher Education	Follow-up study	Full-time	English for Education	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
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English Language Teacher Education	Follow-up study	Full-time	English for Education	1	2020	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
English Philology	Follow-up study	Full-time	English Philology	1	2020	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
English Philology	Follow-up study	Full-time	English Philology	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
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Ethics and Political Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Ethics and Political Philosophy	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Ethics and Political Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Ethics and Political Philosophy	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Ethics and Political Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Ethics and Political Philosophy	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Historical Sciences	Follow-up study	Full-time	Cultural History	1	2013	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS

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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Dějiny literární kultury	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Kulturně historická studia	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Kulturně historická studia slovanských zemí	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Péče o kulturní dědictví	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Soudobé dějiny	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Soudobé dějiny	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Philosophy	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Philosophy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Philosophy	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
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Resocialization Pedagogy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Resocialization Pedagogy	1	2020	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Resocialization Pedagogy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Resocialization Pedagogy	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
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Resocialization Pedagogy	Follow-up study	Full-time	Resocialization Pedagogy	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
Social and cultural anthropology	Follow-up study	Full-time	Social and cultural anthropology	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		LS
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