

Course description

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Course name:	History of Political Thought		
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Department/Unit /	KAP / VEPM			Academic Year	2023/2024
Title	History of Political Thought			Type of completion	Exam
Accredited/Credits	Yes, 6 Cred.			Type of completion	Combined
Number of hours	Lecture 3 [Hours/Week] Seminar 2 [Hours/Week]				
Occ/max	Status A	Status B	Status C	Course credit prior to	No
Summer semester	0 / -	0 / -	0 / -	Counted into average	YES
Winter semester	29 / -	0 / -	0 / -	Min. (B+C) students	not determined
Timetable	Yes			Repeated registration	NO
Language of instruction	Czech			Semester taught	Winter semester
Optional course	Yes			Internship duration	0
Evaluation scale	1 2 3 4				
No. of hours of on-premise	0				
Auto acc. of credit	No				
Periodicity	every year				
Specification periodicity					
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:

The main focus of this course is to present basic intellectual trends in the European political thought from antiquity to the present age. Besides lectures follow the main persons of intellectual environment of that eras and key events of history. It means that the whole course affects tradition of European political thought since pre-Socratic "natural" philosophy until political theory of Karl Marx. Political thought in European history can refer to the contemporary topics of political philosophy such as justice, equality, democracy, inclusion in society, human rights, citizenship etc.

Requirements on student

Students regularly read assigned texts in Czech and foreign languages and prepare assignments on a regular basis. The assignments are in the form of oral presentations or texts; this will be arranged by mutual agreement between lecturer and students. Assignments will be evaluated by lecturer. Presentation generally lasts about 10-20 minutes, standard length of papers is 10-20 standard pages. Combined exam.

Content

Some Fragments of Natural Philosophy
 Polis; Sophist; and Method of Dialogue by Socrates
 Plato: Ideal State
 Aristotle: Comparative Approach and Politics
 The Origins of Hellenism; Stoicism, Epicureans, Skepticism
 The Roman Empire: Law and Administration
 Middle Ages: Clergy vs. Emperor
 St. Augustine and St. Aquinas
 The Rise of National state
 Realism in Politics: Machiavelli

Utopian Concepts of Renaissance: More, Campanella
 Phenomenon of Sovereignty: Bodin, Grotius
 Contemporary Political Thought: Introduction and Spinoza
 Contractualism: Hobbes vs. Locke
 Enlightenment and Origins of Political Economy: de Montesquieu, Hume, Smith, J. S. Mill, Bentham
 Revolution or Evolution?: Rousseau, de Tocqueville, Burke
 Utopian Socialism: Saint-Simon, Owen, Fourier
 German Political Philosophy and Marxism: Kant, Fichte, Hegel, Marx

Fields of study

Guarantors and lecturers

- **Guarantors:** PhDr. Ondřej Stulík, Ph.D.
- **Lecturer:** doc. PhDr. Vladimír Naxera, Ph.D. (100%), PhDr. Ondřej Stulík, Ph.D. (100%)
- **Seminar lecturer:** PhDr. Petr Krčál, Ph.D. (100%), PhDr. Ondřej Stulík, Ph.D. (100%)

Literature

- **Basic:** Dějiny evropských politických teorií (Stulík, Ondřej) - <https://dspace5.zcu.cz/bitstream/11025/22242/1/Stulik.pdf>
- **Recommended:** Miller, David. *Blackwellova encyklopedie politického myšlení*. Vyd. 2. Brno : Barrister & Principal, 2000. ISBN 80-85947-56-0.
- **Recommended:** Tocqueville, Alexis de. *Demokracie v Americe*. Vyd. 3., V nakl. Leda 1. Voznice : Leda, 2012. ISBN 978-80-7335-269-1.
- **Recommended:** Naxera, Vladimír; Stulík, Ondřej. *Komparace sociálních utopií*. Brno : Václav Klemm, 2012. ISBN 978-80-904083-5-7.
- **Recommended:** Stulík, Ondřej. *Moudrý, rozumný, či racionální politik? : renesanční odkazy D.E. Rotterdamského a N. Machiavelliho*. 1. vydání. 2017. ISBN 978-80-7325-445-2.
- **Recommended:** Voegelin, Eric; Moulakis, Athanasios. *Order and history. vol. II, The world of the polis*. Columbia : University of Missouri Press, 2000. ISBN 0-8262-1283-2.
- **Recommended:** Stulík, Ondřej. *Typologie dobra a zla: analýza díla O výchově křesťanského vladaře Erasma Rotterdamského*. Caritas et veritas ISSN 1805-0948 Č. 2 (2016), s. 2016.

Time requirements

All forms of study

Activities	Time requirements for activity [h]
Contact hours	65
Preparation for an examination (30-60)	41
Undergraduate study programme term essay (20-40)	40
Presentation preparation (report) (1-10)	10
Total:	156

assessment methods

Knowledge - knowledge achieved by taking this course are verified by the following means:

Combined exam

Skills - skills achieved by taking this course are verified by the following means:

Individual presentation at a seminar

Seminar work

Competences - competence achieved by taking this course are verified by the following means:

Individual presentation at a seminar

Seminar work

prerequisite

Knowledge - students are expected to possess the following knowledge before the course commences to finish it successfully:

to describe the key strands in contemporary political theory

to put in context the most important approaches and theories in political science

Skills - students are expected to possess the following skills before the course commences to finish it successfully:

to apply gained knowledge to the analysis of particular political and social problems

to compare the basis of particular theoretical approaches on his/her own

to use appropriate terminology of the discipline in Czech and English language

Competences - students are expected to possess the following competences before the course commences to finish it successfully:

N/A

teaching methods

Knowledge - the following training methods are used to achieve the required knowledge:

Lecture supplemented with a discussion

Self-study of literature

Skills - the following training methods are used to achieve the required skills:

Discussion

Seminar

Textual studies

Competences - the following training methods are used to achieve the required competences:

Discussion

Textual studies

learning outcomes

Knowledge - knowledge resulting from the course:

to characterize the particular periods in the history of political thought

to characterize the role of key historical events and individuals on the formation of particular schools of ancient, medieval and modern political thought

to connect the main traditions of political thought and their political context

to explain basic approaches and theories of political thought

to explain the influence of classical political theories on the formation of contemporary political ideologies

to identify the basic themes of political thought influencing the discourse of contemporary political thought

Skills - skills resulting from the course:

to analyze on his/her own the contemporary political discussions on the basis of the knowledge of important historical traditions of political thought

to analyze the classical works of political thought and interpret them in the light of the categories of political philosophy

to apply the fundamental approaches and theories of political thought on the ideological background of contemporary political thought

to compare on his/her own the basic parameters of particular traditions of political thought

to identify on his/her own the particular historical circumstances of the emergence of the traditions in political thought

Competences - competences resulting from the course:

N/A

N/A

Course is included in study programmes:

Study Programme	Type of	Form of	Branch	Stage	St. plan v.	Year	Block	Status	R.year	R.
International Regional Studies	Bachelor	Full-time	Mezinárodní vztahy - teritoriální studia	1	21-1,2,3	2023	Evropská studia	A	3	ZS
Political Science	Bachelor	Full-time	International Relations - Territorial Studies	1	20-4	2023	Povinné předměty	A	3	ZS