



GSSPS - Graduate School in Social and Political Sciences
PhD Program in Political Studies

Political Philosophy Advanced

Objectives and Course Description

The course is organized in a series of lectures concerning those specialized branches of political philosophy connected with several themes and problems political scientists focus on in their researches. Indeed, the aim of the course is to provide students with a philosophical point of view to tackle issues that are of relevance not only for political philosophers, but also for political scientists.

The course offers twelve lectures given by distinguished professors and researchers working in the field of political philosophy. The topics covered are: the concept of evidence in the social sciences; Arrow's theorem and its implication for democratic theory of democracy; global justice; realism and constructivism in moral theory; the risks of the inflation of political concepts; trade off; pluralism; liberalism and multiculturalism; animal rights; theories of democracy; democratization; justice and luck. Each lecture is divided in two parts: first, students are introduced to the topic at hand and the major problems and possible resolutions are explained with reference to articles and texts suggested in advance. Second, students are to discuss the presented topic and problems. For this reason, participants are expected to read the required material before each lecture in order to be able to actively participate in the discussion.

All lectures take place at the Graduate School in Social and Political Sciences of the University of Milan, in Via Pace 10 – 20122, Milano.

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First Lecture

Date: 07/05/04, h. 14.30-17

Lecturer: Eleonora Montuschi (London School of Economics / Università Ca' Foscari)

Topic: Evidence Based Approaches to Policy Making

Requested Readings:

Eleonora Montuschi, "Questions of evidence in evidence-based policy", *Axiomathes*, 19(4), pp. 425-439, 2009.

Eleonora Montuschi, *Oggettività e Evidenza Scientifica. Ricerca empirica, politiche sociali, scienza responsabile*, Roma: Carocci, 2011.

Second Lecture

Date: 06/06/2014, h. 10.30-13

Lecturer: Enrico Biale (Università del Piemonte Orientale)

Topic: Arrow's Theorem and Political Theory

Requested Readings:

Kenneth J. Arrow, *Social Choice and Individual Values*, Yale: Yale University Press, 1951 (cap. 1,2,3).

William H. Riker, *Liberalism Against Populism: A Confrontation Between the Theory of Democracy and the Theory of Social Justice*, Waveland Press, Incorporated, 1982 (cap. 5).

Third Lecture

Date: 25/06/2014, h. 14-16.30

Lecturer: Andrea Sangiovanni (King's College London)

Topic: Global Justice: Topics, Problems, Questions

Requested Readings:

Sangiovanni A., "Moral Equality, Respect, and Cruelty", (manuscript).

Carter I., "Respect and the Basis of Equality", *Ethics*, Vol. 121, No. 3 (April 2011), pp. 538-571.

Fourth Lecture

Date: 06/11/2014, h. 15-17.30

Lecturer: Giulia Bistagnino (Università degli Studi di Milano)

Topic: How to use metaethics in normative political theory

Requested Readings:

Rawls J., "The Independence of Moral Theory", *Proceedings and Addresses of the American Philosophical Association*, Vol. 48 (1974-1975), pp. 5-22.

Dworkin R., *Justice for Hedgehogs*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2011 (pp. 23-96).

Korsgaard, C. (2003) "Realism and Constructivism in Twentieth-Century Moral Philosophy", *Philosophy Documentation Center*, pp. 99-122.

Fifth Lecture

Date: 20/11/2014, h. 10-12.30

Lecturer: Emanuela Ceva (Università degli Studi di Pavia)

Topic: The Politics of Pluralism

Requested Readings: TBA

Sixth Lecture

Date: 2/12/2014, h. 15.30-18

Lecturer: Valeria Ottonelli (Università degli Studi di Genova)

Topic: Theories of Democracy: Topics, Problems, Questions

Requested Readings: TBA

Seventh Lecture

Date: 17/12/2014, h. 10.30-13

Lecturer: Roberta Sala (Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele)

Topic: Liberalism and Multiculturalism: Topics, Problems, Questions

Requested Readings: TBA

Eighth Lecture

Date: 14/01/2015, h. 14-16.30

Lecturer: Elena Granaglia (Università Roma Tre)

Topic: Trade off as a Methodological Tool

Requested Readings: TBA

Ninth Lecture

Date: 21/01/2015, h. 10.30-13

Lecturer: Ian Carter (Università degli Studi di Pavia)

Topic: Normative Analysis and Conceptual Inflation

Requested Readings: TBA

Tenth Lecture

Date: 12/02/2015.h- 10.30-13

Lecturer: Federico Zuolo (Università degli Studi di Pavia)

Topic: Are Non-human Animals Citizens?

Requested Readings: TBA

Eleventh Lecture

Date: 19/02/2015, h. 10.30-13

Lecturer: Nicola Riva (Università degli Studi di Milano)

Topic: Justice and Luck

Requested Readings: TBA

Twelfth Lecture

Date: 5/03/2015, h. 15-17.30

Lecturer: Francesca Pasquali (Università degli Studi di Milano)

Topic: Democratization: Empirical Impasses and Normative Neglect

Requested Readings: TBA