



ERASMUS+ INCOMING STUDENTS COURSE CATALOGUE

Department of Philosophy

General information		
Course instructor	Neven Petrović, Ph.D.	
Name of the course	Analytical Marxism	
Study programme	Undergraduate and graduate study programme in Philosophy	
Status of the course	Elective	
Year of study	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd	
ECTS credits and manner of instruction	ECTS credits	3
	Number of class hours (Lectures + Exercises + Seminars)	30+0+0

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

1.1. Course objectives

The primary aim of this course is to familiarize students with central Marxian theses. Even though this main social theory has been largely neglected in our educational system in the last two decades, there has been a considerable interest in including Marxian theory in the curriculum. However, this course does not intend to deal with some of the classical interpretations of Marx's and Engels' work. Rather, it is aimed at providing students with an insight into the best-known contemporary interpretations of Marxism. It is expected that this course will help students develop their critical and analytical skills.

1.2. Course enrolment requirements and entry competences required for the course

No prerequisites.

1.3. Expected course learning outcomes

By the end of the course, students will:

- become acquainted with the main issues relating to Marxist theory (through required reading)
- be able to further explore some (or all) of the related topics (through optional reading)
- develop the ability to apply the acquired theoretical knowledge in solving current real-world problems;
- become active participants in discussions pertaining to moral political topics

1.4. Course content

General introduction to Marxism

What is Analytical Marxism, and why is it important? Marx 's conception of history and society

Key concepts in Marxian political economy

Economy and alienation

What are the productive forces, and what is their structure? What are the relations of production?

What does the economic structure of society consist of, and how does it change?

The material and social dimension of society

Fetishism and its significance

The development and primacy of productive forces: textual and factual evidence of their existence

Base and superstructure: how to determine them and what is the relation between them?

Functional explanation in Marxism

The logic and direction of the development of modern capitalism; the sustainability of the alternative concepts of society

Fundamental theoretical difficulties with Marxism

Other theoretical difficulties with Marxism; final discussion

1.5. Manner of instruction

- ✓ Lectures
- ✓ Individual assignments
- ✓ Other: consultations