



ERASMUS+ INCOMING STUDENTS COURSE CATALOGUE

Department of Philosophy

General information		
Course instructor	Neven Petrović, Ph.D.	
Name of the course	Libertarianism	
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

This course aims to provide insights into the fundamental theses of libertarian political philosophy, since this vitally important social-political theory has always been largely neglected in our education system. The primary aim of this course is to point out the numerous difficulties with the functioning of the social state (i.e. the moderate version of the socialist project that is now strongly promoted), and to observe to what extent this project could be carried out without major difficulties. That way, students will be able to gain basic knowledge of one of the main political-philosophical theories, explore its relevance for the current situation, and observe the degree to which this theory could be put into practice. Finally, it is worth noting that this course is designed to be taken in conjunction with the course entitled *Analytical Marxism*, which deals with the most radical and thoroughly developed socialist ideological project. This will enable students to acquire basic information on two completely opposite positions in a modern discussion on which form of social organization is the best, and help them decide which of the two theories they are going to follow. It is expected that the course will contribute to the sharpening of students' 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 the theory of libertarianism (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

Introductory lecture: what is libertarianism; varieties of libertarianism; why is libertarianism important?

Hayek: planned economy versus command economy

Hayek: where is the planned economy heading to?

Hayek about distributive justice

Hayek about public goods

Friedman: the relation between capitalism and freedom; the role of government in a free society

Friedman: education and work permits

Friedman: wealth redistribution and social protection measures

A critique of Friedman's approach

Nozick: The establishment of a legitimate state

Nozick: Distributive justice

Nozick: utopia and the minimal state

Final discussion

1.5. Manner of instruction

- ✓ Lectures
- ✓ Individual assignments
- ✓ Multimedia and network
- ✓ Mentorship
- ✓ Other: consultations