



## ERASMUS+ INCOMING STUDENTS COURSE CATALOGUE

### Department of Philosophy

| General information                    |  |        |
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| Course instructor                      | Neven Petrović, Ph.D.                                    |        |
| Name of the course                     | Theories of Distributive Justice                         |        |
| Study programme                        | Undergraduate and graduate study programme in Philosophy |        |
| Status of the course                   | Elective   |        |
| Year of study                          | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>    |        |
| 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 introduce students to contemporary political philosophy by familiarizing them with the main perspectives on one of its central issues, i.e. the problem of distributive justice. The course deals with the texts that are aimed at giving students a clear, concise and revealing insight into key ideas, and providing them with a critical overview of particular viewpoints.

##### 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 discussion on distributive justice. Furthermore, they will develop the ability to apply theoretical knowledge they have acquired to ongoing real-life issues. They will also acquire the skills that will enable them to become active participants in discussions centred on moral political topics.

##### 1.4. Course content

The history of the discussion on a fair distribution of goods  
The problem of distributive justice: classical solutions  
Difficulties with the classical solution to the distribution problem

Marxist theory

Marxism and justice

An utilitarian solution to a morally correct distribution

Other types of consequentialism and the distribution problem

John Rawls' egalitarian liberal position

The right-wing criticism of Rawls

Robert Nozick's libertarianism

A critique of Nozick's approach

Communitarianism and pluralism: Michael Walzer

### **1.5. Manner of instruction**

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