**Political Philosophy**

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The course aims to provide students with a general understanding of political philosophy by trying, first of all, to investigate its nature, method, objectives and meaning in the current context.

*Knowledge and understanding*

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

– Know and understand the main coordinates of political philosophy.

– Recognise the Authors and some themes concerning the political models that have affected the history of Western philosophical thought.

– Distinguish with a critical approach the transitions and political changes between the different historical periods.

– Describe with a critical approach some topics covered during lectures.

*Ability to apply knowledge and understanding*

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

– Identify the most significant themes of political philosophy.

– Know and develop adequate skills to carry out educational and training interventions also through an awareness of the social and political dynamics underlying them.

– Evaluate the issues considered in a global vision also identifying the underlying anthropological dynamics.

– Communicate information on political philosophy in a subject-specific language.

***COURSE CONTENT***

The Authors

What is political philosophy.

Politics, political, anti-politics.

Justice.

Reflections on the person and the common good in J. Maritain.

***READING LIST***

R. Gatti-L. Alici, *Filosofia politica*, Morcelliana, Brescia, 2018. Parte prima. Capitolo primo. Capitolo secondo. Capitolo terzo. Capitolo quarto da p. 102 a p. 105. Capitolo quinto da p. 107 a p. 110 e da p. 120 a p. 124. Capitolo sesto da p. 133 a p. 139. Parte seconda. Capitolo primo. Capitolo secondo. Capitolo terzo.

J. Maritain, *La persona e il bene comune*, Morcelliana, Brescia, 2022.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Frontal lectures in the classroom.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Oral exams at the end of the course. The exam interview will start with the topics that aroused the student's greatest interest and will then focus on some of the main topics addressed in class. Elements such as clarity of presentation, use of adequate subject-specific lexis, ability to critically argue the issues addressed and personal re-elaboration of contents will be particularly appreciated. Four questions will be asked: a question about the authors studied, two questions about the concepts, and a question about Maritain. The mark consists of 40% of the first question outcome and 60% of the remaining three questions.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

The course is introductory, therefore there are no content-related prerequisites for attending it. However, students’ interest in philosophical reflection on the problems of political philosophy is expected.

*In case the current Covid-19 health emergency does not allow frontal teaching, remote teaching will be carried out following procedures that will be promptly notified to students.*

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG or on the Faculty notice board.