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Teacher(s) :	Lesch Walter ; Hunyadi Mark ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes :	<p>The seminar will deal with a topic in the area of practical philosophy to be determined by its members, in relation to research projects they are working on.</p> <p>Attendance at meetings of the seminar and active participation in discussions is strongly encouraged.</p> <p>Professors and other researchers from the UCL interested in the topic, as well as other specialists on the topic from outside the UCL, may participate in the seminar.</p>
Aims :	<p>Upon completion of the seminar the student should be able to :</p> <p>Handle a particular research topic in the area of practical philosophy (ethics, political philosophy, social philosophy), basing work on a critical analysis of major works and texts by authors that deal with the topic in question, and on contributions presented within the framework of the seminar ;</p> <p>Write a scientific paper on a precisely delimited research topic that is germane to the topic of the seminar ;</p> <p>Participate actively in cooperative research on practical philosophy, especially through discussion of contributions made within the framework of the seminar ;</p> <p><i>The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".</i></p>
Evaluation methods :	Oral examination at the end of the year and an oral presentation at the seminar during the second semester
Content :	Ethics of the future (what does the principle of responsibility mean where, strictly speaking, there is no danger in the way that Jonas defined it?) transhumanist values (Nick Bostrom), extending the human community to non-humans (cyborgs, android robots etc.), the abolition of finitude, moral imagination, ideals of autonomy and perfection, human plasticity and what may limit it morally.
Other infos :	Note : as already mentioned, it is not necessary (although obviously useful) to have taken LFILO2170 on the epistemology of posthumanism in the first semester.
Cycle and year of study :	> Master [120] in Ethics > Master [120] in Philosophy
Faculty or entity in charge:	EFIL