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Seminar on social and political philosophy

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Teacher(s):	Lesch Walter ; Hunyadi Mark ;
Language :	Français
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites :	1
Main themes :	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. Attendance at meetings of the seminar and active participation in discussions is strongly encouraged. 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.
Aims:	Upon completion of the seminar the student should be able to: - 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; - Write a scientific paper on a precisely delimited research topic that is germane to the topic of the seminar; - Participate actively in cooperative research on practical philosophy, especially through discussion of contributions made within the framework of the seminar. 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".
Evaluation methods :	The final evaluation will take into consideration the regular and active participation; the oral presentation of a paper; the quality of a written version (15 pages) of this paper. There won't be any oral exam. The active involvement in the research dynamics of the seminar cannot be replaced by any other kind of evaluation.
Teaching methods :	After some introductory lectures given by the professor, the students will be responsible of preparing and presenting papers and discussions.
Content :	Moral relativism Ethics will always be confronted with the challenges of moral relativism questioning the universal validity of values and norms. Does this really weaken the moral point of view? The seminar will present the positions of the main protagonists of the contemporary debate in order to analyze the meta-ethical and practical implications in the framework of ethics and in dialogue with other philosophical disciplines.
Bibliography :	Some texts will be available on iCampus. Bibliographical research will be a part of the activities at the beginning of the seminar.
Other infos :	The seminar will start on Monday, 10-02-2014. The professor's office hours are every Monday between 13:30 and 14:30.
Cycle and year of study:	> Master [120] in Philosophy > Master [120] in Ethics
Faculty or entity in charge:	EFIL