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Seminar on pratical philosophy

5 credits 30.0 h Q2

Teacher(s)	Gosseries Axel ;Lesch Walter coordinator ;			
Language :	French			
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve			
Main themes	The seminar will deal with a topic in the area of practical philosophy to be determined by its members, in relation research projects they are working on. Attendance at meetings of the seminar and active participation in discussion is strongly encouraged. Professors and other researchers from the UCL interested in the topic, as well as oth 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 assessment will take into account the student's participation in class. It will focus on one or two short papers to be written by the students.			
Teaching methods	Students should master basic notions in practical philosophy. The purpose of this seminar will be to go deeper into some specific concepts. Teaching in French. A passive knowledge of English is required since several compulsory readings will be in English.			
Content	Topics in the theories of justice We will begin with an introduction to the analytical method in political philosophy and to philosophical theories of justice. We will look into three specific topics this year: (1) the role of anti-discrimination policy from the perspective of a theory of justice (2 classes), (2) the notion of predistribution in a theory of distributive justice (4 classes given by Prof. R. Merrill), and (3) the role played by the notion of harm in a theory of justice (3 classes).			
Inline resources	/			
Bibliography	Les lectures seront fournies aux étudiants via Moodle, à la suite d'une discussion ayant lieu au cours de la première séance. Ces lectures consisteront en un maximum de 10 articles/chapitres.			
Other infos	Attendance is compulsory, given that this seminar will rely on the active participation of students. Please pay attention to the fact that the course schedule will change from week to week, due to the fact that will host Prof. Merrill as part of an Erasmus exchange.			
Faculty or entity in charge	EFIL			

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims		
Master [120] in Philosophy	FILO2M	5		٩		
	FILA9CE	5		•		
Master [120] in Ethics	ETHI2M	5		٩		