



SC2001 Introduction to contemporary philosophy

[30h] 2 credits

This course is taught in the 2nd semester

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Language: French
Level: Second cycle

Aims

The major aim of this course is to provide information about the contemporary research in philosophy.

Main themes

Four main sectors of this research will be introduced: 1. Philosophy of sciences, included human sciences: the following authors will be learnt: E. Kant, G.W.F. Hegel; K. Marx, E. Durkheim, C. Levi-Strauss, G. Bachelard, K. Popper, T. Kuhn; 2. Phenomenology: the following authors will be seen: E. Husserl, M. Merleau-Ponty, J.-P. Sartre, P. Ricoeur; 3. Philosophy of language: the following authors will be seen: F. De Saussure, L. Wittgenstein, J.L. Austin, E. Benveniste, J.R. Searle; 4. Political philosophy: the following authors will be seen: T. Hobbes, J. Locke, J.-J. Rousseau, R. Aron, H. Marcuse, J. Habermas, H. Arendt, J. Rawls. As the scope of the research in contemporary philosophy is very wide, we will focus on some fundamental questions, which are common to different sectors of research. That will give its unity and its coherence to the course. That will also permit to show the unity of philosophy, its theoretical interest and its relations with sciences.

Content and teaching methods

This year, the course will be focussed on the analysis of the major tradition in political philosophy of those days: the political liberalism. We will examine how this tradition has been modified, in order to answer the criticisms of the other political traditions, and the limits of this self-transformation strategy.

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

The evaluation will be based on the individual presentation of a social debate
 Notes written by the professor will be provided.

Other credits in programs

BIOL22/A	Deuxième licence en sciences biologiques (Biologie moléculaire, cellulaire et humaine)	(2 credits)	Mandatory
BIOL22/B	Deuxième licence en sciences biologiques (Biologie des organismes et des populations)	(2 credits)	Mandatory
CHIM22	Deuxième licence en sciences chimiques		Mandatory
GEOG21	Première licence en sciences géographiques	(2 credits)	Mandatory
MATH22/E	Deuxième licence en sciences mathématiques (Economie mathématique)	(2 credits)	Mandatory
MATH22/G	Deuxième licence en sciences mathématiques	(2 credits)	Mandatory
PHYS22/A	Deuxième licence en sciences physiques (Physique appliquée)	(2 credits)	Mandatory
PHYS22/G	Deuxième licence en sciences physiques	(2 credits)	Mandatory
PHYS22/T	Deuxième licence en sciences physiques (Physique de la terre, de l'espace et du climat)	(2 credits)	Mandatory