

Information list

University: Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (BISLA)					
Faculty:					
Subject code: P/F-353			Subject name: Modern Ideologies		
Type, scope, and method of educational activities: Two weekly meetings of 90 minutes each, amounting to 42 hours total. Every week, the first meeting takes the form of a lecture and the second, of a seminar. (full-time form)					
Number of credits: 6 ECTS					
Suggested semester: Autumn semester					
Level of studies: 1					
Conditional previous subjects: History of Political Thought I-II. Modern Political Philosophy.					
Requirements for the course: Course evaluation (%): A – excellent: 100-93%, B – very good: 92-84%, C – good: 83-74%, D – satisfactory: 73-63%, E – sufficient: 62-51%, Fx – fail: 50-0%. Passing the course assumes that the student was not absent at more than 4 class sessions. Late arrival is marked as a “tardie.” Three tardies equal one absence. Missing more than 15 minutes of class is considered an absence.					
Learning outcomes: Students will further improve their ability to structure their thoughts in written essays and oral debates. They will revisit some classics in political thought and enhance their understanding of the history of political thought.					
Brief course outline: Based on our previous courses, we will have a closer look at the classics behind the leading political schools of thought: social democracy, conservatism, and liberalism. We will focus on Burke and the critiques of the Enlightenment. We will reread Marx and explore the ramifications of Marxism in the 20th century. We will debate the different meanings of liberalism. We will examine modern intellectual debates in their historical context and reflect on the very notion of <i>ideology</i> .					
Recommended readings. Excerpts from: Burke: <i>Reflections on the Revolution in France</i> ; Marx: <i>The 1844 Manuscripts</i> ; <i>The Communist Manifesto</i> (with Engels); Hobhouse: <i>Liberalism</i> ; Hannah Arendt: <i>The Totalitarian System</i>					
Language of the course: English					
Notes: Obligatory Course					
Evaluation					
Total number of evaluated students:					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
(percentage of students who got A)	(percentage of students who got B)	(percentage of students who got C)	(percentage of students who got D)	(percentage of students who got E)	(percentage of students who got FX)
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