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Political Philosophy

Academic Year: (2019 / 2020) Review date: 05-05-2020

Department assigned to the subject: International Law, Ecclesiastical Law and Philosophy of Law Department

Coordinating teacher: GREPPI, ANDREA Type: Electives ECTS Credits: 3.0

Year: Semester:

OBJECTIVES

General aims of the subject ¿Political Philosophy¿

- 1.- Understanding the role of politics in society in general.
- 2.- Studying the relevant concepts needed to understand politics.
- 3.- Analysing political problems and situations from an interdisciplinary approach.
- 4.- Studying the works of the more relevant political thinkers in History.
- 5.- Facilitating analysis and debate and ethical valoration of current political problems and possible solutions
- 6.- Appreciation of the need to understand and evaluate politics from an intellectual, critical and rigorous view.

Specific aspects on which the student will be assessed

- 1.- Knowledge and understanding of the various topics covered in the program
- 2.- Analytical capacity and critical perspective
- 3.- Relating political problems to other aspects of society.
- 4.- Rigorous approach to different questions and academic effort

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

Lecture 1.- Concept of Politics

Lecture 2.- Ethics and Politics

Lecture 3.- Law and Political Power. The reason of State. Rule of Law and its evolution. The crisis of welfare state and the role of civil society.

Lecture 4.- Freedom, equality and Fundamental rights. Contemporary Theories of Justice

Lecture 5.- Political obligation and Obedience to Law. Civil disobedience

Lecture 6.- Models of Democracy. Cosmopolitanism and cultural diversity

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

1.-Theory sessions

These sessions comprise the Professors explanatory lectures. Each Lecture will include a Power Point presentation. This presentation will be uploaded to Aula Global after the class.

2.-Practice sessions

In each session, one or two students will analyze a text, adopting for the presentation the format: a) Context; b) Summary; c) Analysis and commentary. A Power Point presentation will be subsequently made. All students will then collectively discuss the text and the questions raised in the discussion guide. The Power Point presentation will be uploaded to Aula Global and subsequently evaluated by the Professor.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

1) Theoretical classes: 5 points.

2) Practice: 5 points.

The Practice mark includes presentations, text commentaries, participation in the forum and Intermediate and Final exam.

% end-of-term-examination: 50
% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals...): 50

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- BHIKHU PAREKH PENSADORES POLÍTICOS CONTEMPORÁNEOS, ALIANZA.
- DAVID MILLER POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY. A VERY SHORT INTRODUCTION, OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS.
- EUSEBIO FERNÁNDEZ GARCÍA FILOSOFÍA POLÍTICA Y DERECHO, MARCIAL PONS.
- MICHAEL H. LESSNOFF LA FILOSOFÍA POLÍTICA DEL SIGLO XX, AKAL.
- NORBERTO BOBBIO TEORÍA GENERAL DE LA POLÍTICA, TROTTA.
- NORBERTO BOBBIO EL FILÓSOFO Y LA POLÍTICA. ANTOLOGÍA, FONDO DE CULTURA ECONÓMICA.
- WILL KYMLICKA FILOSOFÍA POLÍTICA CONTEMPORÁNEA, ARIEL.

ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

- ANDREA GREPPI CONCEPCIONES DE LA DEMOCRACIA EN EL PENSAMIENTO POLÍTICO CONTEMPORÁNEO, TROTTA.
- EUSEBIO FERNÁNDEZ ENTRE LA RAZÓN DE ESTADO Y EL ESTADO DE DERECHO: LA RACIONALIDAD POLÍTICA, DYKINSON.
- MARÍA EUGENIA RODRÍGUEZ PALOP LA NUEVA GENERACIÓN DE DERECHOS HUMANOS: ORIGEN Y JUSTIFICACIÓN. DYKINSON.
- MIGUEL ÁNGEL RAMIRO AVILÉS UTOPÍA Y DERECHO, MARCIAL PONS.
- OSCAR PEREZ DE LA FUENTE PLURALISMO CULTURAL Y DERECHOS DE LAS MINORÍAS, DYKINSON.
- SILVINA RIBOTTA LAS DESIGUALDADES ECONÓMICAS EN LAS TEORÍAS DE LA JUSTICIA. POBREZA, REDISTRIBUCIÓN E INJUSTICIA SOCIAL, CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS POLÍTICOS Y CONSTITUCIONALES.