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# History and Theory of Political Ideas

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Department assigned to the subject: Humanities: History, Geography and Art Department, Social Sciences Department

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Year: 2 Semester: 1

Branch of knowledge: Social Sciences and Law

#### **DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME**

### PART 1: HISTORY

- 1. Origins of Greek political thought, from the Sophists to Socrates. Politics and Philosophy in Platonic thinking. The problem of the political community. Aristotle. The political thinking of the Stoics.
- 2. Sovereignty, State and Law in medieval thought.
- 3. The crisis of scholasticism and the secularization of political thought: Machiavelli
- 4. The problem of the social bond on the modern horizon: Hobbes, Rousseau, Locke, Spinoza, Kant.
- 5. Law and civil society: Hegel and political subjectivity.
- 6. Marxist political thought: materialism and emancipation.

## PART 2: THEORY

- 7. Justice: Utilitarism.- Rawls: Justice as fairness.- Rawl¿s theory influence on subsequent political theory.-Rawl¿s theory controversies: feminists, communitarians and socialists.
- 8. Freedom: Negative freedom.- Positive freedom.- Freedom as non-domination.
- 9. Equality: Distributive equality.- Social equality.
- 10. Political Community: Rival perspectives: liberalism, communitarianism. multiculturalism and difference theory.
- 11. Green Political Theory: the Anthropocene: Conceptual perspectives.- Ecological justice.

% end-of-term-examination: 60 % of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 40