



<b>COURSE TITLE:</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY</b>
<b>Institute/Division</b>	Social Science Centre
<b>Erasmus subject code:</b>	08.1
<b>Number of contact hours:</b>	15
<b>Course duration:</b>	1 semester
<b>ECTS credits:</b>	2
<b>Course description:</b>	<p>This course introduces students to the fundamental ideas and problems of Western philosophy. What is philosophy? – its subject, aims and methods; historical and systematic approach. Philosophy and sciences; what is left for philosophy today. An outline of the main problems of the theory of knowledge (epistemology). Metaphysics as the widest theory of reality. The idea of Cosmos, the idea of soul and the idea of God. Conscious mind, self and their place in the universe. Ethics and the art of living. Three kinds of ethical theory: virtue ethics, deontology and consequentialism. Happiness, good life and the meaning of life.</p>
<b>Literature:</b>	<p>Stroll A., Popkin R., Introduction to Philosophy, London 1990 Nagel T., What Does It All Mean?, Oxford 1987. Solomon R. C., A Short History of Philosophy, 1996.</p>
<b>Course type:</b>	Lectures and seminars
<b>Assessment method:</b>	Active attendance and final essay/presentation
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	none
<b>Primary target group:</b>	all students
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<b>Remarks:</b>	