

Title:	History of Political Thought
Lecture hours:	30 h
Study period: (summer/winter)	Summer and Winter
Number of credits:	5 ECTS
Assessment methods:	Activity in class discussions, written essays
Language of instruction:	English
Prerequisites:	No necessary prerequisites
Course content:	The course explores the history of political thought by examining the works of major political thinkers from antiquity to the nineteenth century. In every period we focus on its main thinkers and key themes: (1) Antiquity (Plato, Aristotle, and their followers); (2) The Middle Ages (Augustine, Aquinas, and the relationship between religious and secular power); (3) The Renaissance (Machiavelli, Thomas More, political realism and utopianism); (4) the XVII-XVIII centuries (Hobbes, Locke, social contract theories, and the beginnings of liberalism); (5) the XIX century (J. S. Mill, Marx, utilitarianism, marxism, and their alternatives).
Learning outcomes:	Students acquire knowledge concerning the historical development of cultural, social and political ideas. They can recognize, analyze, interpret, and explain political and social phenomena in the Western civilization context.
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