

RTU Course "Philosophy of Politic and Property"

22501 Department of Construction Entrepreneurship and Real Estate Economics and Management

General data

Code	IBO574
Course title	Philosophy of Politic and Property
Course status in the programme	Compulsory/Courses of Limited Choice
Course level	Post-graduate Studies
Course type	Professional
Field of study	Social Science
Responsible instructor	Jānis Vanags
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Volume of the course: parts and credits points	1 part, 2.0 Credit Points, 3.0 ECTS credits
Language of instruction	LV, EN
Annotation	The aim of the course is to discuss with the students the main philosophical problems of political theory, main questions of political philosophy and its importance for understanding of contemporary society to acquaint students with the main theoretical and ideological approaches within contemporary political philosophy; to acquaint students with the main philosophical problems of contemporary political theory and political philosophy (power, authority, legitimacy and obligation, the state, law and punishment, democracy, rights and duties, freedom, justice etc.). In the second part of the course special attention is paid to philosophical definitions of property, main theories of property in classical (Aristotle, Locke, Rousseau, Hegel, Marks) and contemporary political thought, philosophical justification of property rights as well as discussion of property issues in context of justice, equality and exploitation.
Goals and objectives of the course in terms of competences and skills	To introduce Students to the Importance of Political Philosophy as rendered by Modern Society, it's Major Theoretical and Ideological Trends and provide them with an Insight of Major Philosophical Problems by Drawing a Special Attention to Definitions, Major Property Theories, as well as Philosophical Substantiation of Property Law.
Structure and tasks of independent studies	Students are expected to independently master Materials covered in Mandatory and Recommended Sources. Also, they conduct Case Analysis and Participate in Discussion by Employing Concepts and Knowledge of Theory acquired during the Course.
Recommended literature	Daniel M. Hausman, Michael S. McPherson. Economic analysis, moral philosophy, and public policy. - Cambridge University Press, 2006, 342 pp. ISBN 052160866X, 9780521608664 Jack Rabin. Encyclopedia of public administration and public policy: ... Update supplement. - Taylor & Francis, 2005. - 344 pp. ISBN 0849338956, 9780849338953 Thomas Birkland. An Introduction to the Policy Process: Theories, Concepts, and Models of Public Policy Making. - M.E. Sharpe, 2010, 376 pp. ISBN 0765625326, 9780765625328 Vanags J. Nekustamā īpašuma ekonomika : mācību grāmata / Jānis Vanags. - Rīga : RTU izdevniecība, 2010., 297 lpp. ISBN 9789934100208 The ontology and modelling of real estate transactions / edited by Heiner Stuckenschmidt, Erik Stubkjær, Christoph Schlieder. Aldershot, Hampshire ; Burlington, VT : Ashgate Publ., 2003. 170 lpp. : International land management series . ISBN 0754632873. Barry, Norman P.. An Introduction to Modern Political Theory. Third Edition. The Macmillan Press, 1995. Becker, L.C. Property Rights. Philosophic Foundations. London, Henley and Boston: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1977. Druwe, U. Politische Theorie. 2. Aufl., Neuried, Ars Una, 1995. Mūsdienų politiskā filosofija. Hrestomācija. Rīga, Zvaigzne ABC, 1998. Social and Political Philosophy. Contemporary Perspectives. Ed. By James P. Sterba. London and New York: Routledge, 2001. Wolff, J. An Introduction to Political Philosophy. Oxford University Press, 1996. Waldron, J. The Right to Private Property. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1988.
Course prerequisites	Subject is based on knowledge acquired in previous study period

Course outline

Theme	Hours
Different Interpretation of the Concept of Politics in Philosophy. Politics and Anti-Politics.	4
Power, Authority, Legitimacy. Types of Power, Power and Compulsion. Types of Authority.	4
State. Essence, Features and Structure. Major Approaches in Substantiation of Essentiality of State.	4
Law and Order. Basic Types of Law Interpretation in Philosophy.	4
Citizenship: Rights and Obligations, Essence and Basic Interpretations. Structure of Citizenship. Types of Laws.	4
Rights and Property of an Individual. Major Property Concepts in the History of Political Thinking. Property and Free	4
Freedom and Tolerance, Major Interpretations of Freedom. Negative and Positive Freedom.	4
Property and Exploitation. Equality, Solidarity, Justice.	4

Learning outcomes and assessment

Learning outcomes	Assessment methods
Comprehending the Interrelation of Political Philosophy and Property Philosophy Concepts.	case studies, seminar, essay
Being able to use these Concepts for the Interpretation and Evaluation of Social and Political Processes.	case studies, seminar, exam.

Study subject structure

Part	CP	Hours per Week			Tests		
		Lectures	Practical	Lab.	Test	Exam	Work
1.	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.0		*	