

<b>Program: Undergraduate Academic Studies</b>
<b>Course title: POLITICAL AND LEGAL THEORIES</b>
<b>Teachers: Prof. Dr. Dragica Vujadinovic</b>
<b>Course status: mandatory for Legal Theory stream of studies</b>
<b>Number of ECTS: 3</b>
<b>Requirements: regular attendance, active participation of students through short presentations, discussions, seminar papers</b>
<p><b>Aims of the course:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Achieving the knowledge and understanding of the main topics, approaches and conceptions in the frame of the history of political philosophy and contemporary political theories, and their interrelation with certain legal theories</li> <li>- Understanding of the historical social roots and background and their impacts on the ways how specific ancient, Middle Age, modern and contemporary theories have been articulated.</li> <li>- Getting relevant insights about the European thought - in its different theoretical, political and ideological articulations, as well as its contested and controversial dimensions - which had expressed and determined the process of forming modern society and state.</li> <li>- Insights about interrelation of social-political and legal conceptions, which enables a better understanding of each of them.</li> <li>- Understanding of the ideas and principles on which the political and legal institutions have been based.</li> <li>- Better understanding of the main political terms, concepts, and conceptions.</li> <li>- Achieving relevant knowledge about the contemporary society and world in total.</li> <li>- Enabling a better understanding of processes of transition and modernization of the Serbian society and state.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Course result:</b></p> <p>Comprehensive understanding of the political thought in its historical and contemporary perspective, of the interrelation between theoretical and practical embeddedness of the state and society, and of the interrelation between political and legal theory and practice in the above mentioned context.</p> <p>Historical dimension of the course related to the history of political philosophy should enable an understanding of relevant political conceptions in the historical and cultural framework of the epoches in which they had emerged, as well as an understanding of the historical/political trends in establishing certain traditions of political thought.</p> <p>The New Age and modern political thought have been in the main focus and they enable an understanding of the main theoretical and ideological forms of articulation of the main issues and controversies of the modern and contemporary society and state. Special attention is paid to the legal dimension and institutional articulation of different streams of political philosophy and political theories.</p>
<p><b>Course content:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1. PRE-MODERN POLITICAL AND LEGAL THOUGHT</b></p> <p><b>1. week</b>  POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY OF THE ANCIENT GREECE  Character and main concepts of the practical (political) philosophy, context and preconditions for developing critical thought and philosophy in the Ancient Greece  Plato and Aristotle</p> <p><b>2. week</b>  Athenians` model of democracy  Political philosophy in the Hellenistic Period  Natural law theory and philosophy</p> <p><b>3. week</b>  POLITICAL AND LEGAL PHILOSOPHY OF THE ANCIENT ROME  Central role of law in the Ancient Rome  Universalistic character of the Roman Law  <i>Ius civile, ius gentium, ius naturale</i></p>

Natural law theory in the Ancient Rome  
Polybius and Cicero

**4. week**

**MIDDLE AGE POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**

Main features of the Middle Age political thought  
Political philosophy of Augustine  
Political philosophy of Thomas Aquinas  
Scholasticism in the later Middle Ages

**2. NEW AGE POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**

**5. week**

Historical emerging of the modern society  
- political ideas of Renaissance and Reformation  
- cultural, scientific, industrial and political revolution

**6. week**

Break-up with traditional political philosophy  
- Machiavelli  
Political philosophy in the context of absolutism

**7. week**

Rational theory of natural law and social contract  
French Enlightenment in the 18th century

**3. MODERN POLITICAL AND LEGAL THEORIES**

**8. week**

Concept and character of the modern society  
Modern political thought and ideological perspectives  
Political theories and conceptions of law and state

**9. week**

**LIBERAL POLITICAL THEORY**

Classical liberalism  
Political (social) liberalism  
Libertarianism (market liberalism) and neoliberalism

**10. week**

**CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL THEORY**

Traditional organicist conservatism  
Demochristian political tradition  
Individualistic (libertarian) conservatism  
Neoconservatism and New Right

**11. week**

**SOCIALIST POLITICAL THOUGHT**

Anarchism - central themes  
Marxism - key conceptions  
Communism - Leninist conceptions and "Stalinism"  
Social-democratic conceptions and welfare state

**12. week**

**THEORIES OF DEMOCRACY**

Classical liberal-democratic theories  
Classical theories of direct democracy

Contemporary theories of democracy  
 - Competitive-elitist model  
 - Pluralist theories of democracy  
 - Model of participatory democracy  
 - Model of legal (constitutional) democracy

**13. week**

**ELITISTIC THEORIES**

Conservative theories of elites  
 Liberal-democratic theories of elites  
 Critical theory of elites

**14. week**

**TOTALITARIANISM**

Main themes and conceptions in the political doctrine of fascism and nazism  
 Main characteristics of stalinism  
 Theories of totalitarianism

**Literature:**

Main textbook: Vujadinović, D., *Političke i pravne teorije*, Pravni fakultet u Beogradu, Beograd 1996.

Additional literature: Pavićević Vukašinović, G. *Političke teorije i stvaranje zapadnog modernog društva*, Dosije, Beograd, 2006.

Wider literature:

Korać, V., *Istorija društvenih teorija*, Beograd 1990.  
 Lukić, R., *Istorija političkih i pravnih teorija*, Beograd 1982.  
 Sabine, G.H., *A History of Political Theory*, Illinois 1973.  
 McDonald, L.C., *Western Political Theory*, New York 1962.  
 Đurić, M., *Istorija političke filozofije*, Beograd 1971.  
 Šatle (ed.), *Enciklopedijski rečnik političke filozofije*, Sr. Karlovci i Novi Sad 1993.  
 Hassner, P.; Strauss, L.; Cropsey, J., *History of Political Philosophy*, Chicago 1972.  
 Schluck. V., *Politička filozofija*, Zagreb 1975.  
 Valentini, F.; *Moderna politička misao*, Zagreb 1982.  
 Endru Hejvud, *Političke ideologije*, Beograd 2005.  
 Endru Hejvud, *Politika*, Beograd 2004.  
 Marvin Peri, *Intelektualna istorija Evrope*, Beograd 2000.

**Instruction method: lectures, discussions, writing and defending seminar papers**

**Grading system (maximum number of points 100)**

Pre-exam obligations	points	Final Exam	points
Activities during lectures	<b>30</b>	<b>40 to 70</b>	<b>100</b>
Activities during practical classes			
Tests			
Seminar classes/SEM. PAPERS	<b>30</b>		