

Course	ETHICS AND POLITICS			
	Type	Semester	ECTS	Code
	(M)	II	4	
Course lecturer				
Qëllimet dhe Objektivat	<p>This course addresses the link between personal and social values, beliefs and norms, on the one hand, and politics and public policy, on the other hand. The course examines the impact that values, norms and beliefs have on politics/public policies and how they affect the implementation of public policies. The course also explores how different countries make different policy choices based on the societal values that prevail in those countries. Additionally, this course addresses various morally based approaches to evaluating political phenomena and events.</p> <p>Some of the key questions that the course provides explanations for include: what impact does morality have on politics and public policy? How does utilitarianism differ from libertarianism in evaluating public policies? What is more important from an ethical point of view: the goal or the results of a policy? What does a just policy mean? How does the concept of the "common good" affect our moral views? To what extent can we judge the merits of an action/decision based on the virtues of the people who make those decisions/actions? How does culture help us frame our understanding of the role of morality in politics/policy-making?</p> <p>All of these will be addressed using examples/scenarios that help students more easily understand the impact that morality has on politics and public policy.</p>			
Learning outcomes	<p>Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognize and understand the prevailing moral perspectives to evaluate political actions and public policy choices, - Critically evaluate these perspectives and recognize their theoretical and practical shortcomings, - Apply ethical perspectives to past and current issues and decision-making situations in a range of different areas of public policy issues. 			
Course content				Java
	<p>Introduction to Ethics and Politics, Course objectives and requirements</p> <p>Readings: Archie and Archie (2003), Chapter 6 Singer (2011), Chapter 1</p> <p>Utilitarianism: the importance of end-results</p>			<p>1</p> <p>2</p>

	Readings: Sandel (2009), Chapter 2, Archie and Archie (2003), Chapter 25	
	Libertarianism: the importance of individual rights	3
	Readings: Sandel (2009), Chapter 3 Libertarianism vs. Liberalism (The Economist)	
	Rights and obligations: the importance of motive	4
	Readings: Sandel (2009), Chapter 5 Archie and Archie, Chapter 16	
	CASE STUDY 1: In-class discussion	5
	Rawls's Theory of Justice	6
	Readings: John Rawls's Theory of Justice: a brief overview	
	The common good	7
	Readings: Sandel (2009), Chapter 10 Archie and Archie, Chapter 16	
8	Ethics and the policy-maker	
	Readings: Sandel (2009), Chapters 8&9	
	CASE STUDY 2: In-class discussion	
	Universal moralism	10
	Readings: Archie and Archie, Chapter 4	
	Cultural relativism	
	Readings: Archie and Archie, Chapter 5	11
	Wrap up and preparations for final exam	12

	Activities	%
Means of evaluation	1. Active participation in class	10%
	2. Presentations	20%
	3. Position paper	30%
	4. Final exam (essay)	40%
Course Material (Books)	1. *Sandel, M.J. (2009) <i>Justice: What's the right thing to do?</i> New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux.	
	2. *Archie, L. & Archie, J. G. (2003) <i>Introduction to Ethical Studies: an Open Source Reader</i> (11 th Edition) available at http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook.pdf .	
	3. Singer, P. (2011) <i>Practical Ethics: an Introduction</i> , Cambridge: Cambridge University Press available at http://www.stafforini.com/docs//Singer%20-%20Practical%20ethics.pdf .	
	4. Bentham, J. (1871) <i>An Introduction to the Principles of Moral and Legislation</i> . Kitchener: Batoche Books.	
	5. Amstutz, Mark R. (2013) <i>International Ethics: Concepts, Theories, and Cases in Global Politics</i> (4th ed.), New York: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.	
Course material (articles)	1. Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, "Libertarianism", available at https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/libertarianism/ .	
	2. The Economist, "The isms of the week: liberalism and Libertarianism", available at https://www.economist.com/johnson/2010/10/08/the-isms-of-the-week-liberalism-and-libertarianism .	
	3. "John Rawls's Theory of Justice: a brief overview" available at http://vidyamandira.ac.in/pdfs/e_learning/SS%2017%20Paper%20V%20Half%201%20Topic%204b.pdf .	
	4. Weimer and Vining, "Toward professional ethics", available at http://gspace.grade.nida.ac.th/pdf/Dr_Nutta/PA.640nattha_MPA_3-49/1.%20What%20is%20Policy%20Analysis%20Analysis%20types%20and%20doing%20policy%20analysis/1.3.1%20Weimer%20Vining%20Policy%20Analysis.pdf .	
Evaluation		

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