

Name of university, Name of faculty: Trnava University
Faculty of Law

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: XNTEb102		Name: History of the European Political and Legal Thought			
Cover: Department of Theory of Law and Constitutional Law					
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Practise Scope of educational activity (in hours): Weekly: 2/0 For term of study: ZS 46/,24 Method of educational activity: Combined				Number of credits: 3	Recommended semester: WT
					Study grade: Bachelor
Recommended semester	Study programme				
1.year WT	Law (XDŠBc-PR) Law (XEŠBc-PR-23)				
Underlie subjects:					
Conditions for passing the course: Method of evaluation: Completion by taking an examination Continuous evaluation: Final evaluation: Final evaluation: the exam consists of a written test containing ten test questions. There are 3 alternative answers to each question, and the student's task is to choose one correct answer from these alternatives. The student will receive three points for each correctly completed question. The evaluation scale for awarding the grade based on the test is as follows: A: 30 pts. – 27 pts.; B: 26 pts. – 24 pts.; C: 23 pts. – 21 pts.; D: 20 pts. – 18 pts.; E: 17 pts. – 15 pts.; FX: 14 pts. – 0 pts. Finished: By exam.					
Learning outcomes: After completing the course, the student can interpret legal and political phenomena using philosophical terms, critically evaluate current political events from the perspective of timeless philosophical issues, place the main political ideologies in their philosophical context, and distinguish among legality, efficiency and legitimacy of public power. They can also name and explain strong and weak aspects of legal positivism and natural law, to formulate philosophical arguments to defend one's own political preferences or proposals de lege ferenda.					
Schedule of subject: 1. Ancient political and legal philosophy. 2. Political and legal philosophy of the medieval period. 3. Humanism and the renaissance in political and legal thinking. 4. Political and legal philosophy of the pre-modern era. 5. The classic period of natural law in the 16th to 18th Centuries. 6. Enlightenment philosophy and its outcome in revolutionary events. 7. Basic documents of French revolutionary constitutionalism. 8. German idealistic philosophy and a legal and political reflection on it. 9. Utopian inspirations of modern social thinking. 10. Main genres of ideological and political thinking and their implications for legal thinking. 11. Penetration of legal positivism into the philosophy and legislation of the 19th Century. 12. Repetitorium.					
Recommended reading: Basic recommended literature: Study materials are available on Moodle.					
Language requirements: Slovak					
Notes: Student's workload: 75 hours Combined study (Lectures, consultations): 24 hours Study for the final evaluation and study of documents in Moodle (individual study): 51 hours					
Course evaluation: Assessed students in total: 607					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
41%	20%	15%	9%	7%	8%
Lecturers: doc. Mgr. Marek Káčer, PhD., lecturer, examiner					
Date of last change: 01.09.2026					
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