

Théories de la démocratie et des droits humains

Lecturers

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Course mnemonic

POLI-D515

ECTS credits

5 credits

Language(s) of instruction

French

Course period

Second term

Campus

Solbosch

Course notes

Université virtuelle

Other information

Place(s) of teaching

Solbosch

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Evaluation method(s)

Other

Main language(s) of evaluation

French

Programmes

Programmes proposing this course at the faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences

MA-ANTR | **Master in Anthropology** | finalité Professional/unit 1 and finalité Professional/unit 2, MA-PETHI | **Master in Ethics** | finalité Professional/unit 2, MA-PINT | **Master in Political Sciences : International Relations** | finalité Security, peace, conflicts/unit 2 and finalité Globalisation and public policies/unit 2, MA-POLI | **Master in Political Sciences : General** | finalité Democratic Challenges/unit 1, MA-PPHIL | **Master in Philosophy** | finalité Research/unit 1 and finalité Research/unit 2 and MS-PHIP | **Specialized master in Political Philosophy and Theory** | unit U

Course content

The general course starts from a perspective of the project of a theory of democracy and its difficulties, in connection with contemporary diagnoses of "crisis of democracy". It then presents the ideals of radical democracy (from Rousseau to Castoriadis), criticisms of democracy (from Bonald to Pareto and Schmitt), the question of the relationship between liberalism and democracy (from Constant to Hayek via Kelsen and Schumpeter), the idea of a "republican" beyond of liberal democracy (Arendt, Pettit).

Objectives (and/or specific learning outcomes)

To study the main currents in the theories of democracy, through a general presentation (J.Y. Pranchère) and the study of fundamental texts for contemporary debates (Justine Lacroix).

Teaching method and learning activities

Lectures and study of texts.