

SYLLABUS

1. Course title:

Biopolitics and Religion

2. Code:

(max. 20 characters)

3. Cycle of study:

1

4. ECTS credits:

3

5. Type of course: Mandatory Elective**6. Prerequisites:****7. Class restrictions:****8. Duration / semester:**

1

4

9. Weekly contact hours:

9.1. Lectures:

2

9.2. Seminars:

0

9.3. Laboratory/Practice classes:

0

10. Faculty:

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

11. Department/study program:

Philosophy - Sociology / Political Science major International Relations and Diplomacy

12. Lecturer:**13. Lecturer's e-mail:**

14. Web site:

www.untz.ba

15. Course aims:

The course aims to analyze the issues of biopolitics and religion with a focus on the concept of power and the relationship between the political and the religious in the public sphere. The course is basically divided into two modules. The first module addresses the issue of biopolitics as a modern form of power articulation that represents the claim to establish control and governance over life as such. Although it is a phenomenon whose emergence is linked to the modern era, its genealogy can be traced through Foucault's archaeology of knowledge to the concept of so-called "pastoral power," which is shown to be a major impetus for the development of several forms of administration, and which now originates in religious discourse. The second module is concerned with understanding the relationship between religion and politics and how they may influence each other, especially in the contemporary context. This means that the second module, in addition to the role of religion in the post-secular society, the concept of secularization and seculari

16. Learning outcomes:

The program requires that students master basic content of biopolitical issues as well as gain knowledge of fundamental problems in the relationship between politics and religion. While the program assumes prior knowledge of the content, it also prepares students for advanced scholarly research and critical reflection on specialized phenomena.

17. Course content:

The birth of biopolitics (M. Foucault).
Understanding the relationship between power and knowledge (M. Foucault)
The power of the sacred (Hans Joas)
The relationship between politics and religion in the context of post-metaphysical thought (Jürgen Habermas)
The role of religion in the public sphere (Jose Casanova)
Secularization and secularism (C. Taylor)
Islam as a political religion

18. Learning methods:

In order to efficiently teach and achieve the set goals and learning outcomes of students during the course, the following teaching methods will be used:

- interactive lectures with the use of multimedia tools,
- exercises
- mini-tests
- independent seminar papers.

19. Assessment methods:

The knowledge test and the final grade are given on the basis of the valorization of the student's overall engagement, and the fulfillment of all anticipated obligations. The final grade comes from participation in the teaching process, preparation of a seminar paper, grades from the first and second partial exam, and the final written and oral part of the exam. Students who pass the first and second part of the partial exam are exempt from taking the final written exam. The amount of the final grade will largely depend on the choice of literature read and the ability to interpret it.

20. Assessment components:

- a) attendance and activity in classes (E-8) + (L-7) 15
- b) mini tests (2x15) 30
- c) independent seminar paper 5
- d) final-written exam 50

Total possible: 100 Assignment of grades is done on the basis of achieved results - points won, from pre-exam and exam obligations. Number of points and final grade: 0 -53 five (5), 54-63 six (6), 64-73 seven (7), 74-83 eight (8), 84-93 nine (9), 94-100 ten (10).

21. Required reading list:

1. Michael Foucault, The Birth of Biopolitics, Sandorf & Mizantrop, Zagreb, 2016.
2. Michael Foucault, Security, Territory, Population, Mediterranean Publishing, 2014.
3. Hans Joas, The Power of Sacred, Oxford University Press, 2021.
4. Jurgen Habermas, "Politics and Religion", in: Postmetaphysical Thought II, Breza Publishing House, Zagreb, 2015.
5. Marcel Gauchet, Religion in Democracy: The Path of Lay, Faculty of Political Science, Zagreb, 2012.
6. Bryan S. Turner, The Religious and Political, Cambridge University Press, 2013.

Additional literature:

1. Charles Taylor, The Age of Secularization, AlbatrosPlus, Belgrade, 2011.
2. Jose Casanova, "Rethinking Secularization: A Global Comparative Perspective", in: Peter B. - Lori Beaman (eds.), Religion, Globalization and Culture, Brill, 2007
3. Grace Devie & Lucian N. Leustean, The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Europe, Oxford University Press, 2021, 

22. Web sources:**23. Applicable starting from the academic year:**

2022/23

24. Adopted in the Faculty/Academy session:

(max. 10 char.)