Course Outline
KULIS 2019/20

Course title	**Ethics and Society**
Lecturer	**Lukas Kaelin**
Teaching language	**English**
ECTS	**5**

Contents

"What should I do?" What is the right thing to do? How can it be determined? These are the questions addressed in ethics. Throughout the history of philosophy, different answers have been given to these questions, but also the very question has been asked in different ways. The specific questions arising and the answers to these questions are often dependent on the social contexts. Ethics is closely related (and dependent upon) society. This course will explore the relation between ethical theories and the social context, between ethics and society. Selected readings in ethics from across the history of philosophy – from Aristotle to Adorno – will explore this relation of ethics and society crucial for practical philosophy

Learning outcomes

The objective of this course is to explore the relation between different ethical theories and their relation to society. Students will learn the different ways of approaching ethical questions and how they relate to social conditions. They also will be able to critically evaluate the ethical theories in question and be able to identify their strengths and weaknesses with regard to society.

Teaching and learning methods

The main course requirement consists of submission of 5 essays of max. 2 pages on the required reading ahead of the class discussion. Deadline of submission for these essays is at least 24 hours before the class. Essay questions will be given two weeks in advance. In addition students are expected to show up in class well-prepared to actively participate.

Course preparation

No preparation ahead of the beginning of the course is required.

Additional literature

A list of literature will follow shorty.

Assessment (%) (methods of examination, requirements for awarding credit points)
75% Essays 25% Oral Exam

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