



Lvov-Warsaw School. History, Program, Members

(Thematic Seminar)

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30 hours / 6 ECTS

Introductory description

The aim of the seminar is to learn about one of the most significant and influential modern philosophical school formed in Poland at the beginning of XXth century. Lvov-Warsaw School (L-WS) as an intellectual center formed by Kazimierz Twardowski, had certain roots in Brentano's philosophy but due to a variety of interests of its members and their constructive works it had wide connections with other philosophical formations in whole Europe. Members of L-WS had significant impact in ontology, logic, methodology, semiotics, ethic, history of philosophy; their proposals and solutions belong to the canon of west and middle European scientific philosophy. There will be presented representatives of mentioned domains. We put the accent on ideas formulated by J. Łukasiewicz, S. Leśniewski, K. Ajdukiewicz, T. Kotarbiński. During seminar, certain connections with eastern thought will be also considered: L-WS was formed in Ukraine in multicultural Lvov and it had relations with certain eastern intellectualists (like S. Baley, W. Szajan, M. Zarycki).

Course content

- Theoretical foundations of Lvov-Warsaw School: philosophy of Franz Brentano and its exposition by Kazimierz Twardowski
- Program of Lvov-Warsaw School: methods of scientific philosophy (analysis; logic; methodology), its foundations (descriptive psychology; semiotics), the neutrality toward religion
- Areas of interest: logic and methodology of science, history of philosophy and linguistics, ontology, ethics, psychology
- Members of the Lvov-Warsaw School – general presentation



- Logic and ontology: Jan Łukasiewicz, Stanisław Leśniewski
- Methodology and Praxeology: Kazimierz Ajdukiewicz, Tadeusz Kotarbiński
- History of philosophy: Jan Łukasiewicz, Władysław Tatarkiewicz; ethics: Tadeusz Czeżowski, Maria Ossowska, Tadeusz Kotarbiński
- Eastern connections with Lvov-Warsaw School

Requirements of credits – Assessment criteria

Meetings are planned to be divided into two parts: I. a presentation of the subject – done by the teacher or a student, II. a discussion on the presented material (chosen questions, problems).

Criteria of passing the seminar: The final mark is the weighted average of marks connected with:

- attending classes,
- taking part in a discussion,
- preparing the text on a chosen topic (6-8 pages). Text should be presented to the teacher before the end of the semester.

References / Literature / Reading list

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