



## Metamorphosis of Philosophy in the Slovak Region

(Experience and thought of Central and Eastern Europe 2)

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**30 hours of lecture + 30 hours of classes / 10 ECTS**

### LECTURE

#### **Introductory description**

Philosophy in Slovakia has a specific receptive character, but that does not mean that it is epigonic and not able to establish its own way. Several receptions of the European philosophy in Slovakia have been characterized by ability of creative re-interpretation, productive application and modification, which has given rise to several specifically Slovak variants of peak movements and concepts of the European philosophy in individual periods. After 1989, conditions for the plurality of philosophical movements were created and because of this, pluralism thinking in Slovakia is once more confirmed as a part of European intellectual space. The aim of the course is to introduce the most typical features of Slovak philosophy which has its grounds in ideological and methodological connection to then relevant movements and concepts of European philosophy.

#### **Course content**

- Great Moravia – first signs of philosophical thinking
- Humanism and Renaissance in Slovakia
- Prešov philosophical school
- Universities in Košice and Trnava
- Impact of the Enlightenment thinking
- National revival
- Dominant philosophical movements in Slovakia in the 20th century



- Current philosophical thinking in Slovakia.

#### **Requirements of credits – Assessment criteria**

Attending classes

Submitting one essay on a chosen topic (6 - 8 pages)

#### **References / Literature / Reading list**

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4. Pichler, T., Gašparíková, J. (eds.), *Language, values and the Slovak nation. Slovak Philosophical Studies I*, Washington: The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 1994.
5. Plašienková, Z., *Disputes over the noetic and ethical-religious concepts of N. O. Lossky in the 1940's* in T. Obolovitch, P. Rojek (eds.), *Slovakia, in Religion and Culture in Russian Thought*, Kraków: Uniwersytet Jana Pawła II, 2014, 49 - 56.

#### **CLASSES**

#### **Introductory description**

Main aim of the classes is to introduce position of philosophy and philosophers in Slovakia in the 20th century and at the beginning of the 21st century, when social context for philosophy was created by totalitarian regimes of fascistic and communist provenance. Then, Slovaks and Czechs had been part of one state for 74 years, what significantly influenced philosophical and theological thinking. This influence will be introduced in broader philosophical, scientific, cultural and social context, but the



main emphasis will be on philosophical reflection of education as point of departure from crisis (Palouš) and its ethical, social and ecological impact.

### Course content

- Influence of the Czech philosophy on philosophical thinking in Slovakia (Historical-philosophical reflections).
- Phenomenology in the Czechoslovak context.
- Philosophy of Education as point of departure.
- The problem of cultural character in the work of Ladislav Hanus.
- Social issues in philosophical-theological response
- Reactions to current (bio)ethical issues (not only) in Slovakia

### Requirements of credits – Assessment criteria

Attending classes

Taking part in the discussions

Submitting one essay on a chosen topic (6 - 8 pages)

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1. Dancák, P.: *Metamorphosis of philosophy in the Slovak region*, Prešov: Prešovská univerzita Gréckokatolícka teologická fakulta, 2016.
2. Gluchman, V., *Bioethics in central Europe: methodology and education* Prešov: Prešovská univerzita Filozofická fakulta, 2009.
3. Leško, V., *The philosophy of the history of philosophy*, Košice: Univerzita Pavla Jozefa Šafarika, Filozofická fakulta, 2011.
4. Novy, L., Hroch, G. J. (eds.), *Czech philosophy in the Xxth century: Czech Philosophical Studies II*, Washington: The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 1994.
5. Vejrazka, M., Bednar, M. (eds.), *Traditions and present problems of Czech political culture: Czech Philosophical Studies I*, Washington: The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 1994.



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7. Valčo, M., Slivka, D. (eds.), *Christian Churches in Post-Communist Slovakia: Current Challenges and Opportunities*, Salem: Center for Religion and Society, Roanoke College, 2012.