

EE11 - State Theories

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Semester: 7th

ECTS: 4.5

Short Description:

This course overviews the main theories on the modern state's organization. Liberalism, the theory of polyarchal democracy, Marxism, the totalitarian interwar state, neo-corporatism and the state in the post-nation era constitute the thematic modules of the course.

Aims:

- To acquire knowledge on the institutional and political dimensions of state power.
- To acquire knowledge on various theoretical approaches of the state.

Learning Outcomes:

Development of competence for an in-depth apprehension of the various state theories' concepts and notions.

Development of competence in the critical comparison of bibliographic sources and the composition of an essay.

Structure:

13 three-hour lectures.

Assessment:

A written examination at the end of the semester accounts for 65% of the total score. An essay (up to 5000 words) submitted at the end of the semester, on a topic agreed with the tutor and presented in the course, accounts for 35% of the total score.

Bibliography:

R. A. Dahl (1956), A Preface to Democratic Theory, The University of Chicago Press.

D. Held (2003), Models of Democracy, Polytropon, Athens.

C.B Macpherson (1994), The Life and Times of Liberal Democracy, Gnosi, Athens.