

COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

University: Catholic University in Ružomberok	
Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Letters	
Course code: CAP/Cjm-B013B/23	Course title: The Big Questions of Europe
Type and range of planned learning activities and teaching methods: Form of instruction: Lecture Recommended study range: hours weekly: 2 hours per semester: 26 Teaching method: on-site	
Credits: 2	Working load: 50 hours
Recommended semester/trimester: 4.	
Level of study: I.	
Prerequisites:	
Requirements for passing the course: Active participation and submission of argumentative essay that demonstrates skills of critical thinking and of writing structured argumentative texts. It is required to receive at least 60 points out of maximum 100 points.	
Learning outcomes of the course: Learning Outcomes: Knowledge Students are familiar with selected key philosophical issues. Method of verification: discussions during classes. Skills Students are able to think critically, to design arguments and to write structured argumentative essays on selected issues. Method of verification: final paper in the form of an argumentative essay.	
Course contents: 1. What is an Argument? How to Write an Argumentative Essay? 2. Is It All Relative? 3. Why Does the (Good) God Allow Bad Things to Happen? 4. Justice as Fairness. Can Reasonable People Agree on Justice? 5. What Is the Meaning of Life? 6. Memory, Free Speech and Punishment. Should Denial of Historical Events Be Crime? 7. What is the Use of Language? 8. Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are? 9. Are Humans Hardwired for War? 10. How Do We Know if it's a Rabbit or a Duck? 11. Invited international scholar gives a talk 12.-13. Analyzing Sample Argumentative Essays	

Recommended or required literature:

Literature:

Andrews, K., Beck, J. (2018) Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Animal Minds. New York: Routledge.

Blackburn, S. (2009) The Big Questions: Philosophy. New York – London: Quercus.

Blackburn, S. (1999) Think: A Compelling Introduction to Philosophy. New York: Oxford University Press.

Crystal, D. (2005) How Language Works. London: Penguin Books.

Davis, J., Liss, R. (2012) Effective Academic Writing 3. New York: Oxford University Press

Dawson, D. (1996) „The Origins of War: Biological and Anthropological Theories“. In: History and Theory 35, no. 1, pp. 1–28.

Mead, M. (1990) „Warfare is Only an Invention - Not a Biological Necessity“. In: Hunt, D. (ed.) The Dolphin Reader. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, pp. 415–421.

Nagel, T. (1987) What Does It All Mean? A Very Short Introduction to Philosophy. New York: Oxford University Press.

Oshima, A., Hogue, A. (2006) Writing Academic English. White Plains, NY: Pearson Longman.

Language of instruction:

English

Notes:**Course evaluation:**

Assessed students in total: 0

A	B	C	D	E	FX
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Name of lecturer(s): doc. Mgr. Eugen Zelenák, PhD.

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