

# Contemporary philosophy

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## Course literature:

- Oxford Dictionary of Philosophy, 2016, S. Blackburn, ISBN-13: 978-0198735304
- Course notes

## Course contents:

1. Introduction
2. Evolution: Lamarckism and Darwinism. Theological aspects. Discussion: abortion.
3. Marxism and libertarianism: Karl Marx, Milton Keynes, John Rawls, Friedrich Hayek, Hans Hermann Hoppe. Discussion: Equality or freedom?
4. Physics in the twentieth century: theory of relativity, quantum mechanics, chaos theory. Discussion: is experiment the foundation of science?
5. Beginnings of psychology: Sigmund Freud, Carl Gustav Jung. Discussion: Kant and personality types.
6. The beginnings of analytical philosophy: Gottlob Frege, Bertrand Russell, Rudolph Carnap, the Vienna Circle. Discussion: The role of logic and is the current king of France bald?
7. Philosophy of ordinary language: Ludwig Wittgenstein, Gilbert Ryle, John Austin, Harry Frankfurt. Discussion: Is fake news the new form of untruth?
8. Analytical philosophy: W. V. Quine, John Searle, Saul Kripke. Discussion: Is analytic philosophy fulfilling
9. Artificial intelligence: W. McCulloch, W. Pitts, Dartmouth, Yehoshua Bar Hillel, Marvin Minsky, Seymour Papert, Christopher Lounget-Higgins, Geoffrey Hinton, cognitive science. Discussion: Is artificial intelligence possible?
10. Cybernetics: Norbert Wiener, Ross Ashby, Aleksey Lyapunov, Ernst Kolman, Aksel Berg. Discussion: how much social and geopolitical impact can philosophical arguments and theories have?
11. Contemporary German philosophy: Ernst Cassirer, Martin Heidegger, Hannah Arendt, Hans Georg Gadamer. Discussion: the nature of Nazism.
12. Pragmatism as an indigenous American philosophy: Charles Sanders Peirce, William James, John Dewey. Discussion: what is the task of aesthetics? Define beauty or a work of art?
13. Deconstruction and contemporary French philosophy: Jacques Derrida, Michel Foucault, Jean Paul Sartre. Discussion: mental illness and the legal system.
14. Contemporary Soviet and Russian philosophy: Aleksandr Zinoviev, Georgy Shchedrovitsky, Aleksandr Dugin. Discussion: What is the impact of Dugin's theories on the geopolitics of the Russian Federation?
15. Contemporary Croatian philosophy: Albert Bazala, Milan Kangrga, Bulcsu Laszlo, Praxis, integrative bioethics. Discussion: Is mathematics a natural science?