

DOCTORAL STUDIES COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Name of subject	Field of science, code	Faculty / Center	Institute / Department
Main Problems in the Contemporary Philosophy of Social Science and History	H 001	Faculty of Philosophy	Institute of Philosophy

Student's workload	Credits	Student's workload	Credits
Lectures		Consultations	1
Independent study	4	Seminars	

Course annotation
<p>Conceptions and programmes of social scientific explanation. Positivism and antipositivism, analytics and narrativism, behaviorism and culturalism, individualism and holism, realism and constructivism, contextualism and universalism, actionism and structuralism, consensualism and conflictology, relativism and anti-relativism as methodological dilemmas in social science. Maximalist and minimalist strategies in conceptualisation. Typologies and taxonomies. The concept of ideal type. Description in social science. The idea of measurement, concepts of its validity and reliability. The criteria of quality of descriptions and causal hypotheses.. Statistical and deterministic ideas of causation. The experimental, statistical, comparative and case study methods in control of causal hypotheses, their comparative advantages and weaknesses. Qualitative and quantitative strategies of social research. Rational choice approach as methodology of social explanation, its difficulties and varieties. The issue of the methodological autonomy of historical studies.</p> <p>The requirements and tasks for doctoral students are set on individual basis, taking into account the subject matter of dissertation and courses taken during master studies.</p>
Reading list
Abbott A. <i>Methods of Discovery. Heuristics for the Social Sciences</i> . N.Y.: W.W.Norton, 2004
Gerring J. <i>Social Science Methodology. A Unified Framework</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2012.
Goertz, G., Mahoney J. <i>A Tale of Two Cultures. Qualitative and Quantitative Research in the Social Sciences</i> . Princeton: Princeton UP, 2012.
Goldthorpe J.H. <i>Sociology as a Population Science</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2016.
Norkus Z., Morkevičius V. <i>Kokybinė lyginamoji analizė</i> , Kaunas: Lidata, 2011
Tucker A. (Ed) <i>A Companion to the Philosophy of History and Historiography</i> . Malden, MA, 2009.
Norkus Z. <i>Maxas Weberis ir racionalus pasirinkimas</i> . V.: Margi raštai, 2003
Norkus Z. „Senoji kultūros istorija ir naujoji kultūrinė istorija“. <i>Lietuvos istorijos studijos</i> , 2005, nr. 15, p. 15–37.
Woolf D. <i>A Concise History of History: Global Historiography from Antiquity to the Present</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2019.
White H. <i>Metaistorija</i> . V: Baltos lankos, 2004

The names of consulting teachers	Science degree	Main scientific works published in a scientific field in last 5 year period
Zenonas Norkus	Habil. dr.	<p>Norkus, Z., Markevičiūtė, J. (2021) “New estimation of the gross domestic product in Baltic countries in 1913–1938”, <i>Cliometrica</i> vol. 15, p. 565–674 (2021) https://doi.org/10.1007/s11698-020-00216-z</p> <p>Norkus, Z., Morkevičius, V., Markevičiūtė, J. (2021) “From Warfare to Welfare States? Social and Military Spending in the Baltic States 1918–1940”, <i>Scandinavian Economic History Review</i> Volume 69, Issue 1 https://doi.org/10.1080/03585522.2020.1716060</p>

Norkus Z. (2019) *Nie tytuł czyni imperium... Wielkie Księstwo Litewskie w perspektywie porównawczej socjologii historycznej imperiów*. Translated into Polish by Katarzyna Korzeniewska. Krakow: Księgarnia Akademicka
<https://akademicka.pl/index.php?detale=1&a=2&id=M-00743>

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