

DOCTORAL STUDIES COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Name of subject	Field of science, code	Faculty / Center	Institute / Department
Information society today: Lithuania and the world	S 005	Faculty of Philosophy	Institute of Sociology and Social Work

Student's workload	Credits	Student's workload	Credits
Lectures		Consultations	1
Independent study	6	Seminars	

Course annotation

An advanced interdisciplinary course in social theory which examines information society theories of the present, covering a vast range of problems such as the nature of virtual communities, information divide and globalizations, continuities and disruptions in the western project of modernity, the end of history thesis, etc. The course is designed to deal with the most general methodological question whether the sociological discourse have developed adequate theoretical models attending to social aspects of information and communication technologies in the situation in which both the context and methodologies of social sciences have changed and continues to do so with only growing velocity. The radicalization and intensification of technological mediation in an information society have pervasive influence on the interdisciplinary social discourses, and, in turn, theoretical approaches have contributed to the change in dynamics of the contemporary globalizing societal structures. The course focuses on the ongoing controversies among information society theories which challenge a wide range of "modern" concepts, models and theories arguing that the meanings and references of such concepts as "society", "social structure", "agent", "interaction", "democracy", "culture" etc. need to be redefined, as well as on the more "conservative" methodological approaches which argue for the viability of the traditional conceptual instrumentation of the "modern" sociological discourse and research practices.

Reading list

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3. Šaulauskas M.P. "Homo irretitus: politicus, faber, ludens". - Sociologija, Vilnius, 2011.
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5. Šaulauskas M.P. „Dvi homo irretitus dekados: pradžios ir tęstys“ – Informacijos mokslai, Vilnius, 2011.
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9. Broeders, D. The Secret in the Information Society. - Philos. Technol. (2016) 29: 293. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13347-016-0217-3>.
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The names of consulting teachers	Science degree	Main scientific works published in a scientific field in last 5 year period
Marius Povilas Šaulauskas	Dr.	<p>„Revizionistinis konstruktyviojo empirizmo normatyvumas“ (kartu su J. Bujoku). - Problemos, Nr. 83, Vilnius, 2014, p. 48-61;</p> <p>„Heideggerio bylos“ byla: filosofijos silpnatvė ir stiprybė“ (kartu su L. Adomaičiu). - Sociologija. Mintis ir veiksmai, nr. 1 (34). Vilnius: VU ir KU, 2015, p. 5-15;</p> <p>„Frege's Bedeutung kaip reikšmė ir kaip nurodymas“ (kartu su A. Plėšniu). - Problemos, Nr. 91, Vilnius, 2017, p. 29-43;</p> <p>„Ecological citizenship: habitus of care in the public sphere“ (kartu su A. Bartkiene, R. Bikauskaite). - Problemos. Vilniaus universiteto leidykla, 2018, t. 93, p. 129-141;</p> <p>„Rethinking Ecological Citizenship“ (kartu su A. Bartkiene, R. Bikauskaite, D. Mincyte). - Vilnius, Lithuania: Vilnius University Press, 2019.</p>

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