UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

History of Philosophy

2021-1-E1901R018

Course title

From Marx's *Capital* to Althusser's *Ideology and Ideological State Apparatuses*

Topics and course structure

The course, after an introductory part on modern philosophy and the theoretical revolution that Marx made with respect to it with the discovery of the 'continent history', will analyze, in a first part, the fundamental concepts through which Marx in *Capital* provides a theory of capitalist society . In a second part, starting from the Marxian concept of reproduction, the Althusserian concepts of ideology and ideological apparatus of the State will be introduced, through which the persistence of capitalist society is explained not only by the repressive force of the State, but by virtue of a series of apparatuses, among which the school is undoubtedly the dominant one, which allow the dressage and the subjugation of the single individual to the dominant values ??in society.

Objectives

Stimulate the student's reflections on one of the most important analyzes of capitalist modernity, offering a series of conceptual tools that allow a critical understanding of the society in which they will operate as educators, showing the non-naturality, and therefore the modifiability, of the barriers and boundaries they will encounter.

Methodologies

Lectures and class discussions

Online and offline teaching materials

Programme and references for attending students

K. Marx, *The Capital*, Classic of World Literature.

L. Althusser, *Ideology and Ideological State Apparatuses* (the text wil be loaded as material)

Programme and references for non-attending students

As above

Assessment methods

Spoken exam, aimed at verifying the knowledge and understanding of the texts indicated in the bibliography as well as the students' ability to frame philosophical concepts in a historical perspective. Evaluation element will also be the mastery of the theoretical lexicon as well as the ability to argue clearly for or against a particular thesis. Finally, autonomy of judgment and communication skills will be evaluated.

Office hours

Wednesday 14, 30- 16, 30

Programme validity

The validity of the programms is two academical years

Course tutors and assistants

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