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DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Philosophy of Law - M-Z

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Learning objectives

The course in the philosophy of law aims to provide students with a solid understanding of the theoretical and conceptual issues underlying the legal system. This type of course is designed to explore the philosophical foundations upon which laws and the legal order are based, offering students the tools to critically reflect on the principles that govern society.

The main objective is to develop a deep understanding of the different philosophical theories of law, from ancient to modern and contemporary conceptions, analyzing how these ideas have influenced and continue to influence the formulation of laws and legal practice. Students are introduced to key concepts such as justice, fairness, freedom, obligation, and rights, examining how these themes intersect with legal issues.

Through the study of classic and contemporary texts, the course encourages students to reflect on the nature and functions of law in society, its role in promoting social justice, and its relationship with ethical and moral values. Students will learn to critically evaluate philosophical theories and their practical applications in law, thus developing a more mature and critical understanding of the law itself.

Furthermore, the course aims to stimulate critical reflection on the evolution of legal thought and the contemporary challenges that law must face, such as issues related to human rights, the environment, technology, and globalization. By preparing students to think critically and independently, the philosophy of law course aims to form individuals capable of contributing effectively to society, both in the legal field and in the broader context of public and ethical debate.

Contents

Students will explore various theories and schools of thought in the field of the philosophy of law, particularly legal positivism, legal naturalism, and legal realism.

Detailed program

The syllabus will be indicated weekly in the e-learning system, with bibliographic indications to find the texts used by the teacher to prepare the lessons.

Prerequisites

Teaching methods

Lectures

Assessment methods

oral examination

Textbooks and Reading Materials

The reference texts will be indicated weekly in the e-learning platform.

Sustainable Development Goals