Universidad Zaragoza

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25550 - Philosophies compared: East and west

Teaching Plan Information

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Subject: 25550 - Philosophies compared: East and west
Faculty / School: 103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras
Degree: 269 - Degree in Philosophy
587 - Degree in Philosophy
ECTS: 6.0
Year: 3 and 2 and 4
Semester: Second semester
Subject type: Optional
Module:

1. General information

This subject allows us to connect the questions of Western philosophy with its "outside". We have assumed that philosophy is a knowledge of Western roots but perhaps we should begin to question it. In this subject we dedicate an important time to study the origin and the main practices that have brought this idea to us, so that we are able to evaluate its consequences in our present. Thus, the objective of the subject is that the student should have sufficient knowledge to understand the most important concepts and theories of the Eastern and Western philosophical horizons. These approaches are aligned with the following: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations Agenda 2030 (https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/es/): 2, 4, 8, 10, 12.

2. Learning results

The student, in order to pass this subject, must demonstrate the following results... To know the main texts and problems of Eastern philosophy, according to the program proposed by the teacher. To read the fundamental texts of this period, according to the reading guide proposed by the teacher. To acquire elements of historical analysis that connect the texts and problems worked on with our present To use the main sources of documentation required for the preparation of a research work To produce a quality research work as a final objective of the learning of the subject..

3. Syllabus

1. Europe and its others: approach to the idea of the West.

1.1.Why is philosophy an expression of Western culture?

1. Hegel and Universal History.

1. The Greek world. The Greeks and the others.

1.4. Center-peripheries: Eurocentrism as ideology Orientalism: under the look of the West

2. Approaches to Eastern philosophy and its problems.

2. Eastern philosophy. Its concept and history.

2.2. Main references and philosophical issues: Confucianism, Taoism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Zen.

3. Eastern philosophy today: decolonial discourse and Subaltern Studies

4. Academic activities

The learning process that has been designed for this subject is based on the following: Classroom lectures Readings from main sources Thematic and concluding seminars Preparation of monographs, readings and practical interventions by students. Practical classes: seminars Directed work Personalized tutorials.

5. Assessment system

First call : Global assessment test.

Research monograph (100%) Criteria: original problem statement, ability to research with primary sources, rigorous presentation, tutored follow-up of the project.

Second call Global evaluation test identical to the previous one.

6. Sustainable Development Goals

2 - Zero Hunger
4 - Quality Education
8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth