

Course title: Philosophical and Political Thinking: *American Philosophy*

Course code: MSA0942

Type of course: compulsory

Level of course: MA

Year of study: 2nd

Semester: 4th

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 3

Name of the lecturer: Gerard Stan

Course objective: To understand the specificity of American philosophy; to familiarize the students with the main trends and representatives of American philosophy and their main theoretical contributions; to highlight the specificity of the pragmatic approach of philosophical issues.

Course contents: The modern origins of pragmatism; Charles Peirce and pragmatism; James and the pragmatic theory on truth; Dewey on education; communitarism and the new individualism; the pragmatism of analytic philosophy (W.V.O. Quine, D. Davidson și H. Putnam); antiessentialism and antirepresentationalism in neopragmatism; Hilary Putnam and the internal realism; Richard Rorty; Pragmatism and the social and political functions of philosophy.

Recommended reading: William James, *Pragmatismul*, Editura Timpul, Iași, 2000; Andrei Marga (ed.), *Filosofie americană*, vol. I, *Filosofia americană clasică*, Editura AII, București, 2000, pp. 84-124, 153-234, 265-300, 331-356; Andrei Marga, *Reconstrucția pragmatică a filosofiei*, Editura Polirom, Iași, 1998; Richard Rorty, *Obiectivitate, relativism și adevăr*, Eseuri filosofice 1, Editura Univers, București, 2000, pp. 46-214; John E. Smith, *The Spirit of American Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 1963

Teaching methods: lectures, workshops

Assessment methods: homework; final (written) test

Language of instruction: English