ANATOMY OF HATRED

Code:                  Term:               Fall
ECTS credits:         6
Lessons per week:     45 + 45 min
Language:             English
Instructor:           Michal Vaščeka
Form of study:        Lecture + seminar

Prerequisites
Course Anatomy of Hatred is designed for students of the 2nd and 3rd year at BISLA.

Course Objectives
Course Anatomy of Hatred is proposed for undergraduate level students at BISLA and it aims to analyze preconditions, reasons, and nature of hate in all its forms in the life of mankind since ancient times to postmodernity. This reading course is based on structured reading and discussions and serves as prerequisite for further courses focused on issues of race, ethnicity, nation, and coexistence in general. Upon completing the course students should be able to analyze reasons, outcomes, and potential solutions of hate and conflict atmosphere between various groups of people.

Contents
Students of the course will have a chance to discuss good and evil in philosophy since the dawn of mankind and approaches to the nature of man by various cultures. Further on course will try to introduce students into issues of cruelty and evil as portrayed in various experiments and surveys and students will get a chance to analyze utopic ideas as reasons behind some of hate crimes in history. The core of course will analyze all five levels of the pyramid of hatred - prejudiced attitudes, acts of prejudice, discrimination, violence, and genocide. Students will by acquainted with elementary features of extremism and fascism, course will tackle antisemitism as the oldest type of hatred in the world and at the end topical issue of anti-Gypsism and Roma as the most hated group in Central Europe will be discussed. Course builds its internal logic upon scheme of pyramid of hate and analyze particular steps from prejudiced attitudes to genocidal behavior.
Themes and Readings involved

1. **Character of Man**

   Two traditions in an approach toward character of man and mankind

   Alter versus Ego

   Sociobiological perspective of hatred, cooperation and competition in a history

**Primary Sources:**


2. **The Economics of Hate, Samuel Cameron.** Edward Elgar, 2009. /Part 7: Phobias –isms and schisms: group hate/

   https://books.google.sk/books?id=6RFCK7KivrEC&pg=PA123&lpg=PA123&dq=Sociobiological +perspective+of+hatred&source=bl&ots=EwTQ3wjenW&sig=7uLDaQ50zd6zNzAQj0nkILb0c0
2. **Prejudices, Stereotypes, and Social Construction of Reality**

   Attitudes, Stereotypes, and Prejudices

   Authoritarian Personality

   Conflict between groups and conflict solution processes

   **Primary Sources:**


3. **Discrimination and Hate Violence**

   Discrimination and discrimination behavior

   Hate speech, hate crime, and hate violence

   Symbols of hate

   **Primary Sources:**

4. **Good and Evil - Evil, Cruelty, and Aggression in Theory and Practice**

   Theological Notion of good and evil

   Philosophical Notion of good and evil

   Lucifer Effect - reasons of cruelty and aggression

   **Primary Sources:**


5. **Extremism**

   Theories of Extremism

   Extremism as a Reaction to Character of Modernity

   False-consensus Effect

   **Primary Sources:**

   1. **A Decade Lost. Rethinking Radicalization and Extremism.** Kundnani Arun. Claystone 2016 /Chapters 4, 5, and 6/.


6. **Racism**

   Usage and aspects of racism

   History of Racism and Its Impact on Views in 21st century

   Racism as Ideology
Primary Sources:


7. **Genocide as an Ultimate Evil**

Genocides in a History and Modernity

Processes of De-humanisation as a road to genocide

Banality of Evil

Primary Sources:


8. **Holocaust as a Highest Stage of Modernity**

Uniqueness of Holocaust

Holocaust as a Highest Stage of Modernity

Perpetrators and victims – morality in times of late modernity

Primary Sources:


9. Antisemitism

- Reasons and history of antisemitism
- Etymology of Antisemitism and differences with Anti-judaism
- Functions of Antisemitism in Modern Society

**Primary Sources:**


10. Antiziganism

- Anticiganism and hate against Roma
- Political hatred and social stratification
- Political extremism in Central Europe and Roma

**Primary Sources:**


11. Utopic ideas as a source of hate

- Utopia in a history of Mankind
- Utopianism as Political Ideology
- Utopias of 20st century and hate

**Primary Sources:**
   
   https://books.google.sk/books?id=xgA69UlmZu8C&pg=PA21&redir_esc=y&hl=cs#v=onepage&q&f=false

   
   https://books.google.sk/books?id=2SlXXndbbCEC&printsec=frontcover&hl=cs&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false

12. How to deal with Hatred in Liberal Democracies?
   Preventing, monitoring and prevention of hate crimes
   International Treaties and mechanisms how to deal with hatred
   Cyber-hate - new challenges in a fight against Hatred

**Primary Sources:**

   http://www.osce.org/odihr/36426?download=true

2. **Hate Crimes in Cyberspace.** Danielle Keats Citron. Harvard University Press, 2014. /Part I/

**Evaluation Criteria**

70% Writing work - short assignments (4 short ones: 400-500 words) and 1 short essay (1000-1200 words)
30% Active participation on classes, class discussions, class preparation

Michal Vašečka will provide a midterm evaluation to students.

**Course Evaluation (%)**

A – excellent: 100-93%,  
B – very good: 92-84%,  
C – good: 83-74%,  
D – satisfactory: 73-63%,  
E – sufficient: 62-51%,  
Fx – fail: 50-0%.

Passing a course assumes that student was not absent at more than 4 lessons.