Programa | *Course Description* 2022/2023

Unidade Curricular | *Course Unit*
Ética e Filosofia Política

Código da Unidade Curricular | *Course ID*
920531

Créditos ECTS | *ECTS Credits*
7,5

Ciclo de Estudos | *Level*
Mestrado

Semestre | *Semester*
S1

Docente(s) | *Instructor(s)*
José Manuel Gomes da Silva André

Língua de ensino | *Language of instruction*
English

Programa (na língua de ensino) | *Course description (in language of instruction)*

Topic: Contemporary Theories of Justice – Rawls and its critics

1. John Rawls and the fundamental principles of "justice as fairness": the well-ordered society, the basic structure, the original position, reasonable pluralism, the idea of free and equal persons, "public justification", reflective equilibrium and overlapping consensus. The "two principles of justice": meaning and implications.

2. Robert Nozick and the libertarian critique to Rawls. The defense of the "minimal State". The "three fundamental laws": nature, morals and market. The idea of justice beyond the traditional concept of State. Individualism, liberalism and the notion of a self-ordered society. The principle of non-aggression and its moral, social and political consequences.

3. The "Communitarian School": Sandel, Walzer, MacIntyre and Taylor. The problem of rawlsian abstract thought: the inadequacy of the "empty" identity reference and the liberal individualism. The importance of social, cultural and historical bonds in the construction of personal identity and the idea of justice. Justice as a dynamic concept. History, justice and progress.

Avaliação (na língua de ensino) | *Grading and Assessment (in language of instruction)*
- a **brief essay** (ca. 15 pages) on a specific theme from the syllabus (80%). The topic of the essay has to be discussed with the teacher and approved by him.

- assiduity and participation in classes (20%).

Bibliografia (selection) | *Readings (selection)*

- Kymlicka, Will; Saint-Upéry, Marc; *Les théories de la justice: Une introduction*. La Découverte, 2003.
- Mulhall, Stephen; Swift, Adam; *Liberals and Communitarians*. Blackwell, 1992.
- Nozick, Robert. *Anarchy, State, and Utopia*. Basic Books, 1974 (trad. port. Edições 70).
- Rawls, John, *Justice as Fairness: a Restatement.* Belknap Press, 2001.
- Sandel, Michael, *Liberalism and the Limits of Justice*. Cambridge University Press. 1998 (trad. port. Gulbenkian).

Requisitos | Prerequisites