

SYLLABUS

Name of the course:	Critical Political Economy			
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University / organisation:	Institute of Economics - Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro			
Language of teaching:	Portuguese			
ECTS:				
Semester (S1, S2, S3 or S4):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S1	<input type="checkbox"/> S2	<input type="checkbox"/> S3	<input type="checkbox"/> S4
Teaching method(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lecture courses		<input type="checkbox"/> Flipped classroom	
	Other: _____			
Type(s) of evaluation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Sitting exam		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written report	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Oral defence		<input type="checkbox"/> Group project	
	Other / comments: _____			
Expected deadline(s) for the evaluation(s)				
Expected date of final results:				
Summary of the content:	<p>The objective of this course is to address the contemporary debate on critical political economy based on specific topics corresponding to the main research themes and recent debates in the area. It covers both more general theoretical and methodological topics, as well as specific themes that use this theoretical body to analyse particular social formations. It is within this critical framework that the aim is to study the following axes: forms of work, class, value, money, State, world market and crisis.</p> <p>The course will present and discuss recent literature on critical social theory, considering the different views within this field of study. In this sense, it seeks to analyse both the most debated topics today and the main theoretical distinctions. In this way, the structure of the course will be guided by different topics of discussion, starting from the most abstract nature of the discussion of social formation to the most concrete forms of the crisis of current capitalism.</p>			
Indicative list of lectures:	<p>Unit 1 - Critique of political economy as critical social theory</p> <p>1.1 Critique of political economy and social constitution</p> <p>1.2 Fetish and society</p> <p>Unit 2 - Labor, value and capitalist social constitution</p>			

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	<p>2.1 Abstract labour: time and social relations</p> <p>2.2 Value and money</p> <p>Unit 3 - Class as constituent forms of social relations</p> <p>3.1 Permanent primitive accumulation and capitalist accumulation</p> <p>3.2 Class and struggle: constitution of the capitalist relation</p> <p>3.3 Class and race: the debate in Brazil and the USA</p> <p>3.4 Class and gender: feminist Marxism</p> <p>Unit 4 - State and the world market</p> <p>4.1 The world market as the locus of the realization of value</p> <p>4.2 The state as a political form</p> <p>4.3 Crisis and historical configurations of capitalism</p> <p>Unit 5 - Neoliberalism as a historical form</p> <p>5.1 Transformations of the world of work</p> <p>5.2 Financialization, globalization and neoliberal crisis</p> <p>5.3 Neofascism and the crisis of the democratic form of the state</p> <p>5.4 Commodification of nature and environmental crisis</p>
<p>Short bibliography:</p>	<p>BELLOFIORE, Riccardo & RIVA, Tommaso. The Neue Marx-Lektüre: putting the critique of political economy back into the critique of society. <i>Radical Philosophy</i>, 189, jan/fev, p. 24-36, 2015.</p> <p>CASSEGÅRD, Carl. Toward a Critical Theory of Nature. Bloomsbury, 2021.</p> <p>COLOMBINI, Iderley. Form and Essence of Precarization by Work: From Alienation to the Industrial Reserve Army at the Turn of the Twenty-First Century. <i>Review of radical political economics</i>, v. 52, p. 409-426, 2020.</p> <p>HEINRICH, Michael. <i>An Introduction to the Three Volumes of Karl Marx's Capital</i>. New York: Monthly Review Press, 2012.</p> <p>HOLLOWAY, John & PICCIOTTO, Sol. <i>State and Capital</i>. London: Edward Arnold, 1978, Introduction.</p> <p>BONEFELD, Werner. Social Constitution and the Form of the Capitalist State. In: (ed.) Bonefeld et. All, <i>Open Marxism Volume I</i>. London, Pluto Press, 2012, pg. 93-133.</p> <p>BRAUNMÜHL, Claudia Von (1978). "On the Analysis of the Bourgeois Nation State within the World Market Context", in: ed. John Holloway and Sol Picciotto, <i>State and Capital</i> (London 1978).</p> <p>RUBIN, I. I. Abstract Labour and value in Marx's System. <i>Capital & Class</i>, p. 109-139, 1978.</p> <p>REUTEN, G. Money as constituent of value. In: MOSELEY, F. <i>Marx's theorie of money - modern appraisals</i>. Hampshire, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005. p. 78-92.</p>



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