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Political Neo-Marxism

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SYLLABUS

Description of the Teaching Course
Political neo-Marxism

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Introduction

Theoretic methodological neo-Marxist tools of politics cognition and its heuristic significance are revealed in the course. Fundamental generalization of political neo-Marxism is made. Genesis of the neo Marxism is analyzed. Basic methodological principles of political research in the neo-Marxism is distinguished for the first time and paradigm of it is formulated. Political neo Marxist conceptions are generalized into directions (political theory, theory of ideology, of global order, of revolution and of social transformation). Conceptual neo Marxist apparatus of political research is distinguished.

The aims of the course:

Creating knowledge of political neo-Marxism, aimed at improving the processes and results of modern political research:
- development of sustained interest in neo-Marxist issues and its development;
- mastering the main neo-Marxist methodological principles of political research, political concepts and categories;
- orientation to the use of political neo-Marxism as a theoretical and methodological basis for independent political research;
- formation of skills of using political neo-Marxism in applied political research.

Upon completion the course students expected to:

understand:
- theoretical and applied, axiological and instrumental components of knowledge necessary for the application of its analytical, expert, prognostic and other functions in neo-Marxist policy studies;
- the genesis of neo-Marxism, the main directions of its development and the main theorists;
- paradigmatic bases, conceptual and categorical apparatus and methodological principles of neo-Marxist policy research;
- basic neo-Marxist concepts of politics, ideology, global order and social transformation;
- neo-Marxist projects of social development.

**know:**
- apply a neo-Marxist theoretical and methodological tools in research policy;
- to identify the neo-Marxist problems of modern political processes;
- to combine political neo-Marxism with other methodologies in solving complex political problems.

**master:**
- ability to set tasks and determine the means to solve them;
- skills in the organization of research works;
- skills to use the acquired knowledge in professional and social activities – analytical, expert, in the field of political technologies.

**Learning outcomes:**

1. **academic competences:**
   - to be able to apply basic scientific and theoretical knowledge to solve theoretical and practical problems;
   - possess systematic and comparative analysis;
   - possess research skills;
   - be able to work independently;
   - be able to develop new ideas (creativity);
   - possess an interdisciplinary approach to solving problems;
   - have linguistic skills (oral and written communication);
   - to be able to learn, improve their skills throughout life.

2. **social and personal competences:**
   - possess the qualities of citizenship;
   - be capable of social interaction;
   - have the ability to interpersonal communication;
   - be capable of criticism and self-criticism (critical thinking);
   - be able to work in a team;
   - to be disciplined, organized, able to overcome the difficulties associated with the peculiarities of professional activity.

3. **professional competence:**
   - interact with specialists of related profiles;
   - analyze and evaluate collected data;
   - develop and coordinate submissions;
   - prepare reports, materials for presentations;
   - use global information resources.

Academic hours for the teaching course in the class: 20 h. lectures, 22 h. seminars. Final exam. Total academic hours – 178 h. (5 cr.).
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Course content

TOPIC 1. History and theory of classical Marxism

Genesis of socialist doctrine. The emergence of classical Marxism. Three sources of classical Marxism: German classical philosophy, English political economy, utopian socialism. Theoretical and methodological foundations of Marxism: dialectical materialism, the problem of alienation, historical materialism. Communist doctrine of the founders of Marxism.

TOPIC 2. Neo-Marxism: genesis and definition


TOPIC 3. The political science component of neo-Marxism

The concept of political science and neo-Marxism. The structure of political science and neo-Marxism. Object and subject of politologicheskogo. Stages of formation of political neo-Marxism. Neo-Marxism and post-Marxism: General and special.

TOPIC 4. The neo-Marxist paradigm


TOPIC 5. Neo-Marxist methodological principles of political research

TOPIC 6. Neo-Marxist political theory


TOPIC 7. Neo-Marxist theory of ideology

Approach D. Lukacs class consciousness. The concept of the ideological apparatus of the state L. Althusser. Neo-Marxist concept of ideological universalism. The concept of "ideological political" by S. Zizek. Political context in the concept of "one-dimensional man" by G. Marcuse. The role of mass culture and mass communication in politics. Neo-Marxist research of neo-racism. Neo-Marxist analytical criticism of modern political (party) ideologies.

TOPIC 8. Neo-Marxist theory of global order


TOPIC 9. Neo-Marxist theory of revolution


TOPIC 10. Neo-Marxist social development projects

Neo-Marxist political projects of the new social order: "natural working democracy" by V. Reich, "healthy society" by E. Fromm, "democracy of the multitude" ("absolute democracy") by M. Hardt and A. Negri.
LITERATURE

Mandatory literature


Recommended literature


Exam questions

1. The emergence of classical Marxism and its theoretical sources.
2. Theoretical and methodological foundations of classical Marxism: dialectical materialism, the problem of alienation, historical materialism.
3. Party development of Marxism before and after world war II: comparative analysis.
4. Genesis of "Western Marxism" (neo-Marxism).
5. Neo-Marxist discourse of "Eastern Marxism" (Budapest school, praxis school).
7. The ratio of neo-Marxism and revisionism.
10. Concept, object and subject of political neo-Marxism. Stages of formation of political neo-Marxism.
12. Critical theory and negative dialectic as paradigmatic basis of the political neo-Marxist.
14. The neo-Marxist principle of a broad understanding of politics.
15. The neo-Marxist principle of the primacy of the political over the economic.
16. The neo-Marxist principle of psychologized explanation of political phenomena.
17. The neo-Marxist principle of transnational politics.
18. "Related" principles of the neo-Marxist methodology of policy research: the principle of historicism and the principle of a broad understanding of the object of exploitation.
19. A neo-Marxist concept of biopolitics.
20. Neo-Marxist concept of public policy as a political spectacle.
21. The concept of the ideological apparatus of the state L. Althusser.
22. Neo-Marxist concept of ideological universalism.
23. The role of mass culture in politics (neo-Marxist approach).
25. Neo-Marxist analytical criticism of modern political (party) ideologies.
27. Neo-Marxist problems of neo-imperialism and the systemic dimension of the global order.
28. Methodological and theoretical basis of the concept of "Empire" M. Hardt and A. Negri.
29. Neo-Marxist rethinking of the geopolitical approach in political science.
30. Transition from defence policy to security policy: implications for the global order in the neo-Marxist interpretation.
31. Neo-Marxist reinterpretation of the essential and spatial dimension of modern wars.
32. The neo-Marxist concept of the cultural revolution and its agents.
33. Neo-Marxist projects of the new social order: the main points.