Christianity and Society: BCRE11 (HE 2331)

ECTS: 5
Contact hours: 22 Lecture hours
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Module Description:
The course investigates the interaction of philosophical and theological approaches in social ethics by analyzing current concepts and theories of justice (Rawls, Habermas and Ricoeur) and their philosophical and theological critiques. The aim is to be able to distinguish different understandings of justice, the common good, human rights, and recognition that have arisen in modernity and are now debated in a multicultural global society.

Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Locate the theme Christianity and Society within the movements of modern philosophical and theological thought.
- Analyse the presuppositions of each approach regarding the relationships between individual, community, society, and cultures, between theory and praxis, (practical) reason and faith.
- Outline some transformations within the heritage of Western thinking arising from the interaction of philosophical and theological ethics.
- Identify the main alternatives in the philosophical debate on justice and argue for their own view on the role of religion in local and global society.

Indicative bibliography:

Methods of Assessment: 3000 word essay, deadline Fri, April 7, 2017.