



ЦЕНТЪР ЗА ОБУЧЕНИЕ – БАН

1000 София
ул. „Сердика“ № 4
<http://edu.bas.bg>

email: tdc-phd@cu.bas.bg
тел.: 02 987 31 67
02 979 52 60

Basic Information:

Course Title: Ontology and Metaphor

Lecturer: Kristiyan Rusev Enchev

Phone: 0885663285

Email: chris.enchev@gmail.com

Total Teaching Hours: 30

Annotation (up to 150 words)

The doctoral lecture course "Ontology and Metaphor" explores the relationship between ontology and metaphor, questioning the traditional opposition between "literal" and "figurative" thinking/meaning. The main thesis is that metaphor is not an external decoration of philosophical discourse, but a constitutive element of ontological concepts. Through historical and systematic analysis, the course traces how fundamental ontological categories arise, transform and function through metaphorical structures. Within 30 academic hours, the training develops skills for critical and hermeneutic analysis of concepts and texts and provides methodological tools applicable to the individual dissertation research of doctoral students. The program is structured in clear thematic modules, includes ongoing and final control and is in line with the requirements of NACID and the standards of the Training Center at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences for quality, substantive validity and interdisciplinary significance.

Course content (brief description by topics or modules)

Module 1: Foundations of Ontological and Metaphorical Thinking

Module II. Historical Figures and Transformations of Ontological Metaphors

Module III. Criticism of Metaphysical Language and Skepticism of Ontological Metaphors

Module IV. Contemporary Ontological Horizons and Metaphor Today

Module V. Generalizing and Problematic Questions

Teaching and assessment methods

Competencies acquired as a result of training (3–5 points)

Lectures – 30 hours

Exam format

- Oral exam: 1 question from sections I–V.
- Written exam: essay on a selected problem topic from module VI

Course type: elective

The answers are assessed on:

- clarity of definitions;
- conceptual reasoning;
- knowledge of the literature;
- critical independence;
- ability for interdisciplinary thinking



ЦЕНТЪР ЗА ОБУЧЕНИЕ – БАН

1000 София
ул. „Сердика“ № 4
<http://edu.bas.bg>

email: tdc-phd@cu.bas.bg
тел.: 02 987 31 67
02 979 52 60

References

In Bugarian

- Blumenberg, H. 2015. Paradigmi kam edna metaforologia. Sofia: IK Kritika i humanizam.
- Derida, Zh. 2001. Pismenostta i razlichieto. Sofia: IK Nauka i izkustvo, 259–302.
- Gadamer, H.-G. 2020. Istina i metod. Osnovni cherti na edna filosofska hermenevtika. Sofia: „Iztok-Zapad“.
- Heidegger, M. 2005. Bitie i vreme. Sofia: AI „Marin Drinov.
- Karabadzakov, Hr. 2009. Nitsshe, metaforata, metafizikata. Sofia: Balkanika
- Lakoff, G., M. Johnson. 2004. Metaforite, s koito zhiveem. Sofia: UI „Sv. Kliment Ohridski“.
- Ricoeur, P. 1994. Zhivata metafora. Sofia: IK LIK.
- Todorov, Ts. 1984. Metafora i simvol. // Teorii na simvola. Sofia: Nauka i izkustvo, 45–67.

In English

- Black, M. 1962. Models and Metaphors: Studies in Language and Philosophy. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press.
- Davidson, D. 1978. What Metaphors Mean. // Critical Inquiry, Vol. 5, No. 1, 31–47.
- Heidegger, M. 1971. Poetry, Language, Thought. New York: Harper & Row.
- Ricoeur, P. 1977. The Rule of Metaphor: Multi-disciplinary Studies of the Creation of Meaning in Language. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

In Russian

- Arutyunova, N. D. 1990. Metafora i diskurs. // Teoria metaforы. Moskva: Progress, 5–32.
- Telia, V. N. 1988. Metafora kak modely smyslopороzhdenia. // Metafora v yazyke i tekste. Moskva: Nauka, 26–52.