

HUM-479

Emotion and value II

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Humanities and Social Sciences	MA2	Obl.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	3
Withdrawal	Unauthorized
Session	Summer
Semester	Spring
Exam	During the semester
Workload	90h
Weeks	14
Hours	3 weekly
Project	3 weekly
Number of positions	70

It is not allowed to withdraw from this subject after the registration deadline.

Remark

Une seule inscription à un cours SHS+MGT autorisée. En cas d'inscriptions multiples elles seront toutes supprimées sans notification.

Summary

We are urged to live emotionally rich and fulfilling lives, but what does it mean? This project-based seminar explore the role of specific emotions play in our lives.

Content

As a follow-up the first semester, the second semester proposes to focus on the nature and the value of certain specific emotions such as admiration, pride, anger, shame, guilt, regret, envy, jealousy, boredom, love, fear, hope, compassion, sadness, disgust, etc. In doing so, we will have the opportunity to address some of the following questions: What is the relationship between admiration and virtue? Is hate always immoral? Is shame necessarily social? Can anger have a positive social and political impact? Is envy the source of political egalitarianism? Is compassion the sign of an altruistic will? Does hope really give life? Are there reasons for love? Each student, either individually or in small groups will produce a project around one emotion consisting in the writing of an essay and an oral presentation to peers.

Keywords

Philosophy of mind; emotion ; affect ; value ; valence ; norms ; moral emotions ; moral psychology ; emotion vs. reason ; emotional motivation ; Emotional consciousness ; emotion and decision making ; emotion and wellbeing ; emotion and justice ; artificial emotions ; art appreciation ; shame ; admiration ; envy ; indignation ; hope ; disgust ; amusement ; sadness ; happiness

Expected student activities

Semester 2 : Supervised individual and/or group reading, discussion and writing for project implementation.

Assessment methods

Semester 2 : Evaluation of essay (60%) and group presentation (40%).

Resources**Bibliography**

Bibliographical information will be transmitted via Moodle in due course for each specific emotion.

Moodle Link

- <https://go.epfl.ch/HUM-479>