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| Curso: | Seminario de filosofía contemporánea: DOES PHILOSOPHY INVESTIGATE LANGUAGE OR REALITY? |
| Lengua | English |
| Profesor: | Daniel von Wachter (http://von-wachter.de) |
| Sigla: | IAP3047 |
| Créditos: | 10 |
| Módulos: | M:4 |
| Requisitos: | Licenciatura |
| Carácter: | Optativo de profundización |
| Disciplina: | Filosofía |

I. DESCRIPCIÓN DEL CURSO

The possibility and meaningfulness of metaphysics has been rejected in various ways. One influential idea with which it was rejected in the 20th century was that philosophy cannot investigate reality but can and should only investigate language. It led to the 'linguistic turn' and to 'logical positivism'. We shall explore and evaluate various versions and aspects of this. What is the right method for investigating reality? Are the methods that are used in contemporary philosophy correct? Further details and updates will be on <http://von-wachter.de>.

II. OBJETIVOS

Generales:

You will learn to give and defend answers to philosophical questions with precision and rigour.

Específicos:

You will understand and evaluate the conflict between those who reject metaphysics and those who do it.

You will become acquainted with and be able to evaluate the doctrines of logical positivism and the linguistic turn.

You will become acquainted with and be able to evaluate different philosophical methods.

III. CONTENIDOS

- The controversy in philosophy between those who investigate reality and those who do not.
- The principle of verification.
- The controversy between positivists and phenomenologists about a priori knowledge.
- The search for an ideal language.
- Ordinary language philosophy.
- Bergman's reconstruction of metaphysics.
- Philosophical methods for investigating reality.

IV. METODOLOGÍA

Lecture, discussions, disputations.

Required reading tasks are assigned.

Small written homeworks.

V. EVALUACIÓN

An intermediate exam and an essay at the end of the semester.

VI. BIBLIOGRAFÍA

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