**Title and Code of Course:** ERPB-BAAA 0010 History of Philosophy

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**Course Description:**
- The course wants to make the students acquainted with the bases of philosophical thinking by presenting a brief history of western philosophy.
- Students are invited to participate in the courses, and possibly to read in advance the relevant texts required for each class.
- There will be a verbal exam, where the emphasis will be on the students’ capability to reproduce and understand the most important trains of thoughts.

**Bibliography:**
- Readings will be given to each class. Some of the more important ones are:
  - Parmenides: Fragments 1-8 (possibly translation of John Burnet)
  - Plato: The Republic, (end of Book 6 and beginning of Book 7): 507a-511e, 513a-521b
  - St Augustine: Confessions, Book 9/Chapter 10; Book 10/Chapter 24-2
  - Anzelm: Proslogion, Chapter 1-5
  - Descartes: Meditations on the first philosophy, Preface and 1st Meditation ([http://www.classicallibrary.org/descartes/meditations/3.htm](http://www.classicallibrary.org/descartes/meditations/3.htm))
  - Locke: Treatise concerning human understanding, 2nd Part I/1-10; Fourth Part 17/1-3,14-17; Fourth Part 18.
  - Nietzsche: Thus spoke Zarathustra, Prologue 1-5
- From the secondary literature best for use is:
  - Anthony Kenny: A brief history of western philospohy (several editions, also under the title: An illustrated brief history of western philosophy)