**POLITICAL THOUGHT, FREEDOM and DEMOCRACY**

(7th Semester, Elective Erasmus Course)

**Syllabus**: Academic Year 2023-2024, fall/winter semester

**A Seminar on Jean Baudrillard:**

**“Technology, Networks, AI and Cloning: An approach on the basis of political ontology, political theology and post-foundational political thought”**

**Respective material** or “The authentic texts” (see Openeclass platform):

**1st part: lectures 1 to 4**

“The Industrial Simulacrum” (Symbolic Exchange and Death), pp. 55-57 (1976 in French; 1993 in English).

“The transformations of technology” (The System of Objects), pp. 123-127 (1968 in French; 1996 in English).

“The Irony of Technology” (The Perfect Crime), pp. 71-74 (1995 in French; 1996 in English).

**2nd part: lectures 5 to 6**

“The Mental Diaspora of the Networks” (The Intelligence of Evil or the Lucidity Pact), pp. 75-85 (2004 in French; 2005 in English).

“Xerox and Infinity” (The Transparency of Evil), pp. 51-59 (1990 in French; 1993 in English).

**3rd part: lectures 7 to 9**

“Beyond Artificial Intelligence: Radicality of Thought” (Impossible Exchange), pp. 145-158 (1999 in French; 2001 in English).

“Immortality” (The Illusion of the End), pp. 89-100 (1992 in French; 1994 in English).

**4th part: lectures 10 to 13**

“The Final Solution: Cloning Beyond Human and Inhuman” (The Final Solution), pp. 1-30 (2000 in English).

“Clone Story” (Simulacra and Simulation), pp. 95-103 (1981 in French; 1994 in English).

“The Clone or the Degree Xerox of the Species” (Screened Out), pp. 196-2002 (1997 in French; 2002 in English).

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The course consists of lectures and presentations. Undergraduate students owe to attend the classes regularly as well as deliver *reaction papers* throughout the lessons. By doing so, they could pass the course without final exams. This depends on how they meet these basic academic duties of the elective course. Otherwise, the *authentic texts* compose the *reading* *corpus* for those who will choose to pass the course at the end of semester through the final exams. Please, bear in mind that you have to register for this course through the Erasmus office or through your host department at the University of Macedonia or through your coordinator. This is very critical if you want a mark at the end of the day, so to speak. On top of that, you must sign up at the *Openeclass* educational platform in which you can find the *Syllabus* of the course, the *authentic* texts, crucial and urgent *announcements* throughout the semester as well as supplementary *bibliography* for further reading.