

# BSCS

## Data of courses form

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**Title of the course:** History of Philosophy

### Detailed syllabus of the course, with topics addressed in each 90 minutes lecture (less than 2 pages):

#### *Course description:*

In the form of a reading seminar, the course offers discussions on important passages from central texts in the history of Western philosophy. The selected texts, discussed in pairs on separate days, provide insight into some of the fundamental problems of different eras and areas of philosophy.

#### *Assignment:*

The grade is determined with equal weights by two factors:

- Active attendance at course occasions
- Closing exam

#### *Texts:*

Parmenides: *Fragments* (Proemium, Concerning truth)

Plato: *Parmenides* (126a – 136e)

Anselm of Canterbury: *Proslogium* (Chapters I – IV)

Thomas Aquinas: *Summa Theologica* (Part I, Question 2)

John Locke: *An Essay Concerning Humane Understanding* (Book II, Chapter I-III)

Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz: *New Essays on Human Understanding* (Book II, Chapter I-III)

Martin Heidegger: *What is metaphysics?*

Rudolf Carnap: *The Elimination of Metaphysics Through Logical Analysis of Language*

### Background information on the web (optional):

### Short CV (less than half page):

Education:

ELTE Physics and Astronomy, 1999

ELTE Philosophy, 2003

BME PhD in History of Science and Technology, 2006

Job:

1999-2015, ELTE, Department of History and Philosophy of Science; 2016-: ELTE, Department of Astronomy Teaching: Over 30 different courses, mainly in logic, argumentation theory, history of mathematics and astronomy.

Other: Coordinator of the 'History and Philosophy of Science' Session of Scientific Student Associations

Grants, scholarships: Bolyai János research scholarship (2007-2010)

**Important publications (5-10):**

Kutrovátz, G., Zemplén, G.: "Social Studies of Science and Science Teaching" In M.R. Matthews et al. (ed.): *International Handbook of Research in History, Philosophy and Science Teaching*. Dordrecht, Springer, 2014. Pp. 1119-1141

Kutrovátz, G., Zemplén G.: "Experts in Dialogue: An Introduction" *Argumentation* 25: 275-283. 2011

Kutrovátz, G.: "Knowing with Experts: Contextual Knowledge in and around Science" *Theorie Vedy/Theory of Science* 2010/4: 479-505. 2010

Kutrovátz, G., Láng, B., Zemplén, G.: *A tudomány határai* [The Boundaries of Science] Budapest: Typotex. 2008

Kutrovátz, G.: "Rhetoric of science, pragma-dialectics, and science studies" In F.H. van Eemeren, B. Garssen (eds.): *Controversy and Confrontation. Relating Controversy Analysis with Argumentation Theory*. Amsterdam, John Benjamins, 2008. Pp. 231-247.

Kutrovátz, G.: "Lakatos's philosophical work in Hungary" *Studies in East European Thought* 60/1-2: 113-133. 2008

Kutrovátz, G.: "A Role for Dialectic in Science Studies" In F.H. van Eemeren et al. (eds.): *Proceedings of the Sixth Conference of the International Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Amsterdam, Sic Sat, 2007. Pp. 835-839.

Kutrovátz, G.: "Imre Lakatos' Hungarian Dissertation: An annotated documentation" In G. Kampis, L. Kvasz and M. Stöltzner (eds.): *Appraising Lakatos. Mathematics, Methodology and the Man*. Dordrecht, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2002. Pp. 353-374

Kutrovátz, G.: "Heat Death in Ancient and Modern Thermodynamics" *Open Systems and Information Dynamics* 8/4: 349-359. 2001

**Anything else (course requirements, readings list, etc):**