COURSE DETAIL

TECHNOLOGY, TOTALITARIANISM, AND THE INDIVIDUAL
Country Czech Republic
Host Institution CIEE, Prague
Program(s) Central European Studies
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Philosophy
UCEAP Course Number 101
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title TECHNOLOGY, TOTALITARIANISM, AND THE INDIVIDUAL
UCEAP Transcript Title TECH & TOTALITARIAN
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description
This course explores the relevance of philosophy on day-to-day social, political, economic, and cultural life. It focuses on the philosophical foundations of political and economic movements, as well as major cultural movements such as science and technology, post-modern art and literature, and popular culture in general. Among the themes discussed are the ontology of objectivity and subjectivity, relativism, consumerism, capitalism and communism, scientific positivism, philosophy of language, and art. The meaning of “human being” in a metaphysical, psychological/psychoanalytical, and ontological manner is explored together with the idea of “administered reality,” a predominant characteristic of post-war industrialized societies, and the possibility of individual freedom in the face of it. All philosophical ideas are applied to and discussed in the context of the Czech society's post-war experiences. Selected writings from the Czech poet/dramatist and political activist/leader Vaclav Havel and the Czech philosopher Jan Patocka are studied alongside texts by Arendt, Fromm, Lacan, Marcuse, Foucault, Derrida, and Žižek.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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