Hegel's philosophical system

Hegel's philosophical system is one of the most impressive achievements of western philosophy. The most complete version of this system is probably the one he elaborated in the *Encyclopedia of the Philosophical Sciences* (1830).

The course will be dedicated to an extensive analysis of this work. Our fundamental aim will be to show how Hegel managed to develop a systematic account of a new non-standard Metaphysics, i.e. a metaphysical conception combining the "classical tradition" with the new tendencies and problems (processuality, importance of subjectivity etc.) characterizing the modern time.

In order to highlight the particularity of the "Hegelian project", we will concentrate especially on the first part of the system: the Science of Logic.

We will first consider how Hegel introduces his point of view through a criticism of traditional philosophical movements (metaphysics, empiricism, transcendental philosophy and immediate Knowledge). We will then analyze how he develops his own non-standard position through a sort of internal deconstruction of traditional metaphysical conceptions.

This new systematic approach has also important consequences for other branches of philosophy, especially those concerning nature and mind. The second part of the course will be therefore devoted to the analysis of some central excerpts regarding the second and the third part of Hegel's system (Philosophy of Nature and of Spirit). We will particularly consider what place and role they play in the Hegelian conception and in which sense they can be understood as an extension and completion of his non-standard metaphysical theory.

Required Texts:

*Encyclopaedia Logic* (first part of the Encyclopaedia):

*The Encyclopaedia Logic, Part I of the Encyclopaedia of the Philosophical Sciences with the Zusatze (Hackett Classics) Paperback – October 15, 1991 by G. W. F. Hegel (Author), T. F. Geraets (Translator), W. A. Suchting (Translator), H. S. Harris (Translator)*

*Philosophy of Nature and Spirit* (second and third part of the Encyclopedia): A reader with the relevant texts will be made available to the students.

This course fulfills the Modern requirement for graduate students.