

## Content

| Course Code | Course Name               | Semester | Theory | Practice | Lab | Credit | ECTS |
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| PHIL 731    | The Meontology of Nothing | 1        | 3      | 0        | 0   | 3      | 8    |

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| Prerequisites          |  |
| Admission Requirements |  |

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| Language of Instruction | Turkish  |
| Course Type             | Elective   |
| Course Level            | Doctoral Degree  |
| Objective               | In this course, we will examine the ontological status of the One and the Multiple. We will treat Alain Badiou's Hegelian dialectic and Gilles Deleuze's philosophy of "the event" and "the multiple" together, passing through non-ontological traditions of negative theology.   |
| Content                 | The One which does not exist ("something" – Etwas – does not exist without determination outside of time and space) gives way to a scission which determines itself either in contradictory opposition or in strong difference (difference in historical time, in positional mediations). Or, the One rests weak and indeterminate (structural or minimal difference where this weak force stems from or hoped for). |
| References              | Kant, Critique de la Raison Pure<br>Hegel, "Science de la Logique"<br>Alain Badiou, "Théorie du Sujet"; "Etre et l'événement"<br>Gilles Deleuze, "Différence et Répétition", "Nietzsche et la Philosophie"<br>Walter Benjamin, "Sur le Concept de l'Histoire"  |

## Theory Topics

| Week | Weekly Contents   |
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| 1    | The main problems of ontology   |
| 2    | Parmenides and unity  |
| 3    | Heidegger's comments on Parmenides and Heraclitus                             |
| 4    | Pre-Kantian ontology: Leibnitz and multiplicity, the problem of composability |
| 5    | The missing ontology of Kant: the sphere of being and noumenon                |
| 6    | Transcendental schematism and the problem of multiplicity                     |
| 7    | Reduction of multiplicity to the category of quantitative                     |
| 8    | Diversity in the nature and Kant's theory of teleological judgment            |
| 9    | The multiplicity of ideas   |
| 10   | From incongruent knowledge to dialectic                                       |
| 11   | The multiplicity as amorphous and indefinable                                 |
| 12   | Has dialectic got closed branches? (A. Badiou)                                |
| 13   | Deleuze and Nietzsche: affirmation of becoming                                |
| 14   | The "lean difference" and the idea of "weak messianic power" in Benjamin      |