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Seminary of esthetics

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Teacher(s)	Klimis Sophie ;				
Language :	French				
Place of the course	Bruxelles Saint-Louis				
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to: The seminar is a research-seminar and intends to introduce the students to research-creation. As a preliminary gesture, we will question the 'inherited institution' (Castoriadis) of aesthetics as a philosophical discipline. We are used to think of aesthetics as devoted to the study of works of arts as well as of 'Beauty'. But the etymology of its name (aesthesis) points to everything we can experiment with our sense organs. Moreover, we will see that the philosophical institution of 'aesthetics' as a specific topic, which is due to Aristotle's Poetics, often aims at repeling the political dimension of artistic performances and works of art. We will try to read this kind of philosophical texts with a critical mind (we can mention, for instance, Heidegger's 'Origin of the work of art'). But we will also focus on hybrid texts, creating a kind of 'poetical philosophy' or 'philosophical poetry' in order to be empowered with a political performativity or even to build a new culture (Nietzsche with his Zarathoustra, for instance).				
Evaluation methods	Seminar evaluation is based on the presentation of an oral seminar (worth half the grade) and the submission of a written essay (worth the other half of the grade), due for the last seminar of the term, unless otherwise agreed with the professor. Please note that this final grade is not a strict mathematical average, as participation in all seminar sessions is also taken into account. WARNING: The use of artificial intelligence in written work or oral presentations is strictly forbidden. If demonstrated, such use will be sanctioned by an OT, insofar as it contravenes the practices of scientific and academic integrity.				
Teaching methods	The seminar is introduced by the professor during the first sessions. It then consists of oral presentations by the students and a collective discussion based on the texts and/or works of art presented at each session.				
Content	The content of the seminar changes every year. We will work on philosophical works (Plato, Aristotle, Kant, Heidegger, Arendt, Rancière, Castoriadis) as well as on 'philosophers-poets' (Nietzsche, Glissant), playwrights which have also theorized their own art (Brecht, Artaud and performances the professor has been involved in (with Theatercombinat in Vienna, Theater companies such as Sturmfrei and Kaleidos in Switzerland, Avignon Festival, etc.)				
Bibliography	Une bibliographie est disponible sur Moodle.				
Other infos	The seminar aims to create a collective thought process in situ and over the whole term, which relies on students personal involvement. If the opportunity arises, students may be invited to take part in a performance or artistic event.				
Faculty or entity in charge	PHLB				

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes		
Bachelor in Philosophy	FILB1BA	5		Q		
Bachelor in French and Romance Languages and Letters	ROMB1BA	5		•		
Bachelor in Modern Languages and Literatures : General	ROGB1BA	5		٩		