



EMERGING LEADERS ACADEMY FOR A FREE SOCIETY

UCEMA FRIEDMAN HAYEK CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF A FREE SOCIETY

Objective:

The objective of the following program is a study in depth of authors and topics that allow young university students to understand the foundations of a free and open society, preparing them for future positions in political, academic, and professional leadership. Therefore, the program will increase the knowledge and engagement of young students with the main tenets and values of liberal thought, in order to promote the foundations of a free society, made by responsible citizens.

Contents:

1. Modernity and Enlightenment. The emergence of the nation-state in the context of the constructivist Enlightenment. The difference with the Anglo-Saxon tradition.
2. Kant and his importance for the present world. His ethics. The categorical imperative. Consequentialism and deontology.
3. The emergence of the notion of individual freedoms. Its three sources: neo-Kantianism, neo-contractualism and ius-naturalism. The role of the State and individual freedoms.
4. The dialectics of the Enlightenment. Frankfurt School. J. Habermas.
5. Hayek and criticism of constructivism. A first overview of the tradition of the spontaneous social order.
6. Feyerabend and the critique of the state-science union. Similarities and differences between the Frankfurt School, Hayek and Feyerabend.
7. The political philosophy of Karl Popper. The open society. Freedom and traditions. Criticism of utopia and violence. The critical attitude and morality.
8. The political philosophy of L. von Mises. Biological competition versus social cooperation. Utilitarianism in Mises. Individual freedom. Its hidden categorical imperative.
9. The thought of F. Hayek, I. The origin of the theory of spontaneous order.
10. The thought of Hayek, II. The spontaneous order in the legal and epistemological. The importance of methodological individualism
11. North American neo-contractualism, I. J. Rawls
12. Neo-contractualism, II: R. Nozick
13. Neo-contractualism, III: J. Buchanan.
14. Hayek and the Rawls-Nozick dialectic
15. Hayek and Buchanan and the crisis of constitutional democracy. Their proposed solutions.

16. Feyerabend philosophical thought and his criticism of the “New Enlightenment”. Importance for the issue of individual freedom.
17. Neo-Thomist thought and the modern world. The case of J. Maritain.
18. Neo-Thomist thought and political and economic liberalism. Novak, Sirico, Gregg, Rhonheimer. Scholasticism.
19. The Austrian School and its political consequences. Menger, Bohm-Bawerk, Mises, Hayek. Economic calculation in socialism and the paradox of central planning.
20. The new rift in today’s liberals: liberal-progressive versus conservative liberals. A proposed solution. The importance of the Declaration of Independence of the USA, The Bill of Rights, the Constitution, and the speech of Martin L. King.
21. Current debates: education, ecology, “exploited groups” and classic liberalism.
22. An educational proposal for a free society.
23. Certain philosophical questions for today’s world. The supposed accuracy of science and the “follow the science”. Facts and interpretation. The *false information*, the *fact checkers*, and the freedom of expression. The problem of the *big tech*.

Evaluation: participation in class, a midterm exam, and a written paper.

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