

**FINO PhD Program in Philosophy**  
**Ethics and Politics Curriculum**  
**A.Y. 2022-2023**

*The course is open to all Curricula, all years of the FINO PhD program, but it is mandatory for cycles 37 and 38 of the Ethics and Politics Curriculum*

**Title** *Democratic Hope*

**Course Description**

This seminar will examine the philosophical value of hope; the relationship between hope and progress; the role of hope in motivating individuals to exercise their political agency; and, the emancipatory and transformative dimension of democratic hope.

**Course organization**

The course will consist of five 2-hour classes. There will be two 2-hour lectures (presentation and Q&A session) and 3 student-lead seminars. In each of the seminar, some course participants will introduce one of the papers in the reading list and lead the general discussion. The students in charge of a text should send a brief outline of their introduction 7 days before the seminar.

**Teacher(s):**

Jacob Huber (Freie Universität Berlin)  
Enrico Biale (University of Piemonte Orientale)  
Corrado Fumagalli (University of Genova)

**Duration and Credits**

10 hours  
5 credits

**Teaching period**

April 3&4 2023

**Bibliography**

- Enrico Biale and Corrado Fumagalli, *A Progressive Approach to Normative Political Theorizing*, unpublished paper.
- Dana Howard, *The Scoundrel and the Visionary: On Reasonable Hope and the Possibility of a Just Future*, *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 27 (3), 2019, pp. 294-317.
- Jacob Huber, *Political Hope as Anticipation*, unpublished paper.
- Jakob Huber, *Hope from Despair*, *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 31 (1), 2023, pp. 80-101.
- Titus Stahl, *Political Hope and Cooperative Community*, in Blöser / Stahl (eds.) *The Moral Psychology of Hope*, London: Rowman and Littlefield, 2020, pp. 265-84.
- Katie Stockdale, *Hope under Oppression*, chapter 3, Oxford University Press, 2022.

**Requirements**

All students must read the assigned bibliography, introduce a paper, and send the written outline of their introduction.