## Dr. Antonio Calcagno

Dr. Calcagno is currently exploring three areas of research:

• recent European philosophy
• Renaissance philosophy
• social and political thought

He is working on the relationship between various notions of law and their connections to different social and political relations within the framework of early German phenomenology (1900-1945).

Dr. Georgia Mouroutsou
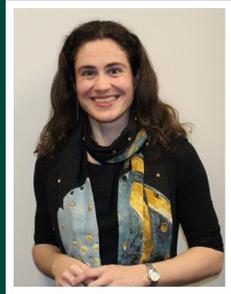
Dr. Mouroutsou focuses on ancient philosophy, especially Plato and Aristotle. She is currently exploring Plato's dialectic of pleasure, the topics of plasticity of mind and time as well as affectivity in Marcus Aurelius' Meditations.

What Alumni have to say

"For me, philosophy has developed my ability to think critically about issues that matter to me. I have learnt to grapple with various perspectives and thus how to understand the problems that concern me in new ways. This ability to think critically is essential for all innovative problem solving and is essential to a successful life. Whatever path you end up taking in life, it will be enriched with a philosophical mind."

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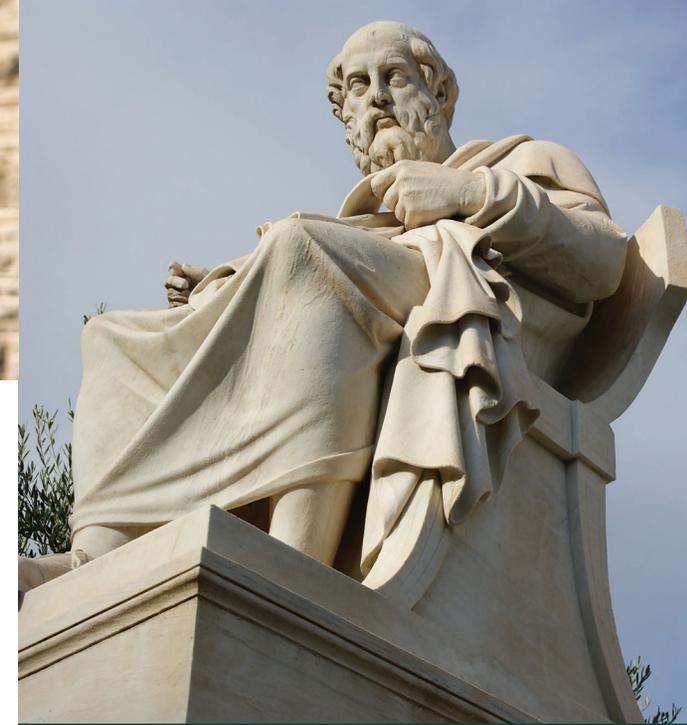
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Why Study Philosophy?

Philosophy begins in wonder; it requires passion and hard work but is a lot of fun.

For Kant, Philosophy seeks to establish "What is the Human Being?" by asking three basic questions: "What can I know? What ought I do? For what may I hope?" However, for Marx Philosophy should not just interpret the world, rather "the point is to change it."

Philosophy is thus not an empty debating-club; it is a militant project of profound social and political transformation through self knowledge.

What can I do with a Philosophy degree?

Philosophy requires sound critical reasoning skills and analytical training. Both are invaluable in any career.

Philosophy is considered an excellent training for law, politics, business, medicine, science and computer science.

Recent studies show that successful business and societal leaders have training in Philosophy. Google "value of a philosophy degree" and see how philosophy is a foundation for just about anything you want to do.

First Year Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy has a wide choice of first year courses that have been designed by the full-time faculty who teach them to reflect their personal approach to philosophy and their research interests.

Visit our website for a list of course offerings.

Pictured left & below: Italy 2017

Social and Political Thought

Social and political thought (SPT) explores contemporary issues and events of global importance.

SPT helps students develop their critical thinking about, and creative response to, the various crises that affect our world.

SPT serves as excellent preparation for future careers in law, public policy planning and analysis, education, government and diplomacy, healthcare and urban and social planning.

Third year in Leuven, Belgium

Students in the Honours Majors in Philosophy may complete their third year at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium.

Students study philosophy in English at Belgium's largest and most important university (also the world's oldest surviving Catholic university).

Located outside of Brussels, Leuven is the ideal location to study and live in Europe.

Annual International Philosophy Conference

The Department collaborates with the Centre for Advanced Research in European Philosophy and runs a yearly conference providing students with a unique opportunity to experience and be involved with philosophy on an international level.
Pictured below: Heidegger Conference 2017