COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course involves the study of the basic concepts of Aristotelian political philosophy and its influence on Thomas Aquinas and 20th century Thomistic political philosophers. This course explores basic texts on political philosophy of Aristotle and Aquinas. Topics to be studied include the nature and purpose of political association; the nature of power and authority; the relationship of law and liberty; the role of property; and the nature of justice, political equality, and human rights; the relation of Church and state; and the moral political dimensions of war.

Course Text(s):
Various additional handouts provided as hard copies through off prints and electronically through BlackBoard

ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING

Course Requirements
(1) Participation grade - (10%)
(2) Presentations. Each student will present three short analytical presentations in class; (i) on Aquinas/Aristotle; (ii) on Yves R. Simon; (iii) on an article on from list provided by the instructor. (30%)
(3) Paper. Each student will write a 15-20 page paper on a topic approved by the instructor. (30%)
(4) Final exam. (30%)  May 10