

Ethics and Political Philosophy Master's Programme

Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies and the
Centre for Ethics as Study in Human Value, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic

This two-year, tuition-free Master of Arts (MA) programme, taught in English, is conducted in cooperation with the Centre for Ethics, an internationally renowned research centre. The programme offers full specialisation in the two main domains of practical philosophy: ethics and political philosophy. It is ideally, but not exclusively, suited for students with a BA degree in general philosophy. The study plan uniquely integrates problem-oriented teaching to guide students in independent and critical thinking about highly relevant and pressing phenomena, such as issues of marginalisation and exclusion, the nature of democracy and the climate crisis. The programme has a strong research orientation and our students receive systematic training in academic writing skills. The best graduates will be prepared to apply for PhD study at leading academic institutions or to join our multinational PhD community.

From the start, our students are invited to participate in the abundant research activities of the Centre for Ethics as Study in Human Value. The Centre and its doctoral students regularly organise international conferences, workshops, and seminars with high-profile invited speakers, such as Raimond Gaita, Veena Das, John Lippitt, Cora Diamond, and Toril Moi. The Centre hosts prestigious research projects, for instance the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action fellowships. It also maintains a rich network of international collaborations with universities such as Genoa, Manchester, Åbo, Dublin, King's College London, Melbourne, and Uppsala, ranging from joint grant projects to Erasmus partnerships.

What do we offer?

- Teaching and supervision by internationally recognised researchers from the Centre for Ethics, together with experienced academics from the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies
- A plurality of learning experiences and innovative research perspectives, in a creative, inspiring, and welcoming environment
- A tuition-free MA programme with various stipend opportunities, as well as travel scholarships to conferences and study stays
- Study in Pardubice, a charming city in the heart of Europe, well connected by rail to several major European cities, including Prague (1 hour) and Vienna (3 hours)

What do we require?

- Candidates must have completed, or be about to complete, a BA degree in Philosophy or related disciplines.
- A sample of the candidate's academic writing in English, of 1 500 to 4 000 words. The sample may be a part of their BA thesis, a course final essay, or the proposed project of the MA thesis.
- Candidates must be proficient in academic English, both spoken and written. The level of proficiency will be tested during admission interviews, and in the assessment of the submitted writing sample.
- Admission fee for applicants: 2000 CZK (approx. 80 EUR) – one-time non-refundable fee to be paid when submitting the application form.

Who will teach you?



Ondřej Beran



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Application deadline: 30 April 2022

Interviews: 8 June 2022; starting date: 19 September 2022
Information about admission requirements and procedure:
<https://kfr.upce.cz/en/admission-requirements-and-how-apply>
Contact for inquiries: Dr Antony Fredriksson (antony.fredriksson@upce.cz)

Webinar: 10 March 2022, 2 pm CET

Join our webinar to get more info about the study plan, teachers, admissions, and practicalities. No registration required.
Zoom link: <http://bit.ly/3Gn2znY>