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A lection's plan

Philosophical anthropology: problem of human being

The problem of essence of human being in the history of philosophy

- Continuity of views on the nature of human being
- The image of human in the Ancient, Christian, New Age and modern philosophies.

What does the philosophy of the origin of human and his nature

- Anthropo-social genesis
- Theory of symbolization
- Social biology
- Gender
- Socialization of the individual



Requirements for knowledge and skills

Knowledge

- The problem of anthropo-socio genesis
- Differentiation of social and biological in human being.
- Images of human in the history of philosophy.
- Topics values of human existence.

Skills

- The distinction between types of philosophical positions in understanding the relationship between individual and society
- Understanding the causes of changes in ideas about human.
- Orientation in variety of modern theories of personality



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Material for knowledge recovery

To prepare for the topic "Philosophical anthropology" you need to repeat the basic problems of human subjects:

- History of Philosophy
- Post-classical philosophy
- Pragmatism
- Irrationalism
- Marxism
- Psychoanalysis
- Existentialism



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Main concepts

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- Axiology
- Hedonism
- Spirit and soul
- Personality
- Moral
- Pragmatism
- Responsibility
- Freedom
- Destiny
- Fatalism
- Value



Проблема сущности человека в истории философии

Philosophical anthropology deals with the study of human being, his nature and essence

- In the history of Philosophy, there is a tradition the continuity of views on the nature of human being.
- In ancient philosophy, human was seen as part of the Cosmos (Universe), a microcosm, the subordinate higher principle – Fate.
- Teocentered medieval image of the person, the person does not believe in yourself, but person believes in God.
- The image of human of Modern times is anthropocentric.



Image of human in new modern philosophy

In the XIX century:

- Attention is focused on the study of consciousness, the spiritual principle in human, the essence of which could be identified with the rational (Hegel) or irrational (Schopenhauer, Nietzsche).
- Marxism defended the thesis of the social nature of human.
- Psychoanalysis has insisted that human consciousness is controlled by the unconscious.

In the XX century:

- Irrationality view of human was the most common.
- Human lives in a strange world, its existence is senseless and incomprehensible (unknowable).
 Meaning – in a mystical communication with God, with narrow range of "spiritual aristocracy", in the experience of "authenticity" of an individual life (existentialism).



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The philosophy of the origin of human and his nature

Anthropo-genesis and anthropo-social genesis

- Theories which explain the origin of the human species, are called theories of anthropogenes.
- Anthropo-social genesis this is theories of the origin of human being as a social being.

The labor theory of human origins

In the XIX century, after the establishment of Darwin's theory has been widely adopted.

According to this theory of tool use, social connection (unity), language and thinking were final factors in the conversion from Monkey (Ape) to Human.



Theory of symbolization

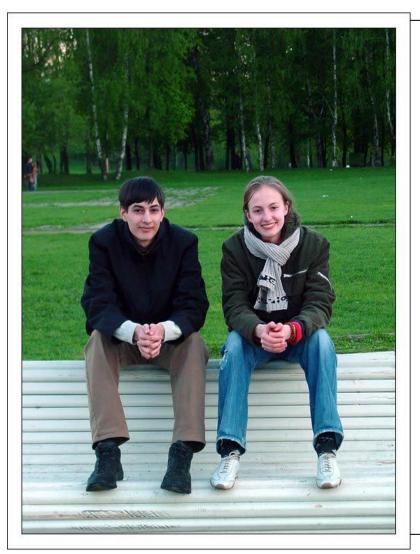
The American philosopher and culture's scientist L. White is the founder of the theory.

Only the human species in the process of adaptation to the environment uses the symbolic methods. The process of learning can be satisfy only with help of symbols.

The German philosopher Ernst Cassirer saw symbolizing as the universal principle that unites the various forms of culture



Social biology and Gender



Social biology.

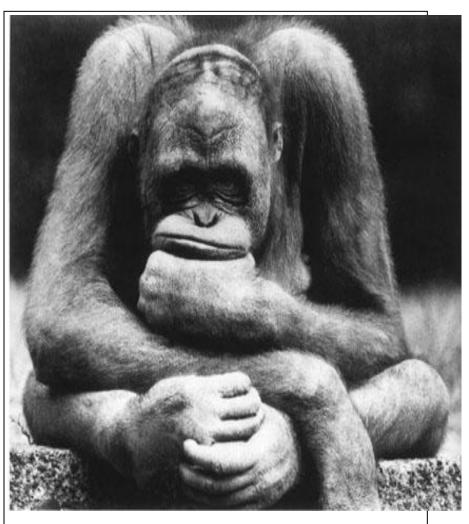
This is a scientific field that studies the impact of biology on human behavior. Genetic predisposition stimulates or inhibits our actions.

Gender.

This is a social, cultural gender.
This is a concept describing the behavior of men and women, which is not genetically inherited but acquired during in the process of socialization.



Freedom and Responsibility

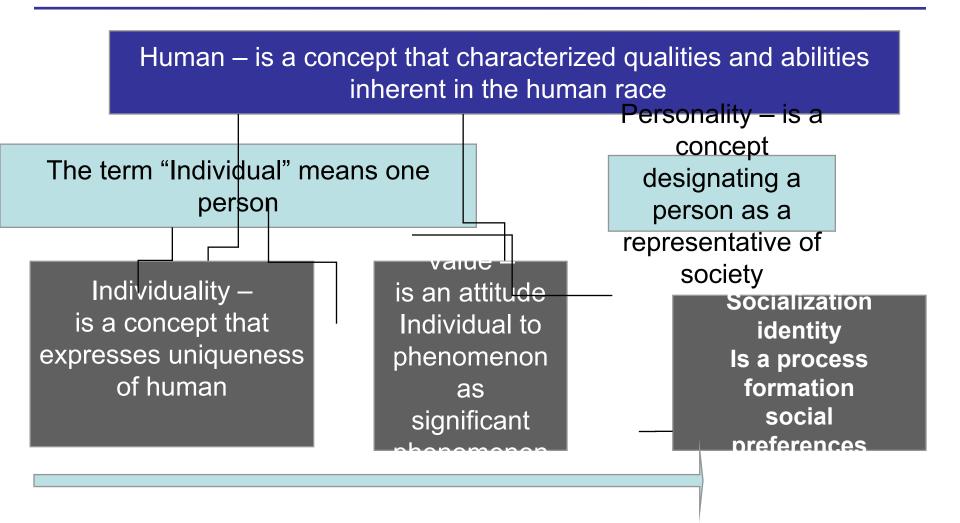


Freedom. It is based on a position of need freedom of choice and action in accordance with this necessity.

Responsibility. It is a social relationship to society's values. Acceptance of responsibility is a necessary method of controlling the behavior of the individual from society through mind.



Concepts of philosophical anthropology





Acquired knowledge

 Knowledge of different philosophical views about the nature and human nature

Knowledge of different theories of anthropo-genesis

Knowledge of current theories on the problem of identity



Questions for self-examinations

- How was changed the representation of the essence of human in the history of philosophy?
- What is rationalism and irrationalism in the understanding of human nature?
- What is sociobiology?
- Demonstrate your own examples to show that the problem of correlation of biological and social basis influences on contemporary debates about the nature of human.
- Give your version of the five basic moral values.
- What for you is the final authority of responsibility? God?
 Conscience? Bosses? Friends? Other people??



Recommended books

- 1. Barulin V.S. Social philosophy. M., 2002.
- 2. Kuznetsov V.G., Kuznetsova I.D, Mironov V.V., Momdzhyan K.XH. Philosophy. M., 1999.
- 3. Philosophical Dictionary / Edited by I.T. Frolov. M., 2001
- 4. Bestuzhyev-Lada I.V. Alternative civilization. M., 1998.
- 5. Human. The thinkers of the past and present about his life, death and eternity. Antiquity Age of Enlightenment M., 1991.
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