**The Passions of the Soul: Descartes vs Aquinas**

**BA+Erasmus module**

**Winter Term 2019**

**Exams modalities:**

**1/ Oral presentation**

If you want to make a short oral presentation (ideal length: 25’+ 15’ of discussion), the possible slots are: December 5th and December 19th.

**About what.** Ideally, you might introduce one passion of the soul (love for instance) and 1) expound to the class what are the main characteristics of such passion either in Descartes’ *Passions* 2) or in Thomas Aquinas’ “Treatise on Passions” [*Summa theologiae* Ia, q. 22-41 – cf. moodle or our “Apparatus” in the library]. But 3) nothing prevents you to attempt at comparing them! Or, 4) you might pick up a passion in Descartes’ book, and attempt a comparison between the way it is described in *Passions*, Part II and in Part III. Also, if you can illustrate more into-depth a text we have briefly touched. You can use a handout, like I usually do; please just make sure to send it to me before your presentation takes place (at least 24h in advance).

**How to.** In any case, please come to talk to me previously, so that I can help you out shape your topic and guide you. You can contact me by email (anna.tropia@ff.cuni.cz) or visit me during my office hours: every Wed. 13h-14h. If you cannot come, ask me and I will try to schedule an appointment with you.

NB: if the presentation is not fully satisfactory, or, if you want to receive a higher mark, you can (= not compulsory) also pass an…

**2/ Oral Exam**

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The dates are to establish yet, but it will be taking place in January and February. You will be notified as soon as I know them via the SIS website. The usual length is about 30’ for each student; the themes discussed, will be those we have touched together during the courses. You will be asked about the texts we read together, and the exam modality is similar to a conversation. I usually start by asking if there is a topic you would like to begin with, and then I move on asking one or two questions. You might find useful to go through all the handouts I distributed during the course: I will leave a copy in a folder for our “Apparatus” in the library, but you already have them all on our moodle. Also, you can bring texts with you. Please mind *moodle*: you find there all the extra readings (upper part), papers that might help you or provide you with a starting point, but also full accessible PDF of Descartes’ and Aquinas’ texts. If you have any doubts or uncertainty, please contact me.