Philosophy Faculty Reading List and Course Outline 2018-2019

PART IB PAPER 04:
GREEK AND ROMAN PHILOSOPHY

This paper is borrowed from the Classical Tripos (Part IB Paper 8). Please see the Classics Faculty Moodle site at: https://www.vle.cam.ac.uk/course/index.php?categoryid=3432 for the syllabus and detailed reading lists.

READING LIST

Many ancient texts are available online from the Perseus Digital Library at: www.perseus.tufts.edu

The set text is required reading. Material marked with an asterisk* is a good place to start.

SECTION A  SET TEXT: PLATO, REPUBLIC 475C-535A

Translations

PLATO, Republic, translated by G.M.A. Grube (Indianapolis, IN: Hackett, 1974; Rev. ed. 1992).

Handbooks


TOPICS

Knowledge and Belief

DENYER, Nicholas, 'Objectivity without Error in the Republic', in his Language, Thought and Falsehood in Ancient Greek Philosophy (London: Routledge, 1991), ch. 4, pp. 46-67. Also available on Moodle
HARTE, Verity, 'Knowing and Believing in Republic V', in V. Harte and R. Woolf, eds., Re-Reading Ancient Philosophy: Old Chestnuts and Sacred Cows (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017), pp. 141-62. Also available online at: https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108163866.010

The Sun, the Line and the Cave


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**SECTION B**

**Plato's Psychology**


PRICE, A.W., *Mental Conflict* (London: Routledge, 1995), ch. 2 'Plato'.


PRESOCRATIC PHILOSOPHERS: PARMENIDES TO DEMOCRITUS

Basic Works, General Works, and Collections Covering More Than One Philosopher

The main texts can be found in:


*WARREN, James, *Presocratics* (Stockfield: Acumen, 2007). Also available online at: http://lib.mylibrary.com/?ID=294339


DIELS, H., and D.W. KRANZ, *Die Fragmente Der Vorsokratiker*. 6th ed. 3 vols. (Berlin: Weidmann, 1951-2). [3 vols. of which the third is Indexes. The standard collection of Presocratic fragments and testimonia. References to fragments (preceded by 'B') and to testimonia (preceded by 'A') are to this]


JOHANSEN, Thomas K., *Plato's Natural Philosophy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004). Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511518476


Individual Bibliographies

Parmenides


Zeno


LEAR, Jonathan, 'A Note on Zeno's Arrow', *Phronesis*, 26, no. 2 (1981): 91-104. [Important new papyrus fragments of Empedocles, supplementary to the above]


**The Atomists**


ANDREW, Gregory, 'Leucippus and Democritus on Like to Like and Ou Mallon', *Apeiron*, 46 (2013): 446-88. [Excellent coverage of atomism's philosophical rationale]

CURD, Patricia, *The Legacy of Parmenides* (Las Vegas, NV: Parmenides Pub., 2004), ch. 5 'Atoms, void, and rearrangement'.


**Anaxagoras**


FURLEY, David J., 'Anaxagoras in Response to Parmenides', *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 6, suppl. 1 (1976): 61-85. [Remains one of the best studies of atomism's philosophical rationale]


**Empedocles**


Pythagoreans and Hippocratics


KAHN, Charles H., Pythagoras and the Pythagoreans: A Brief History (Indianapolis, IN: Hacket, 2001).


Aristotle

Introductory


LEAR, Jonathan, Aristotle: The Desire to Understand (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988). Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511570612 [Covers every aspect of Aristotle in this course, more amply than Barnes]

General Aristotelian Reference

ANAGNOSTOPOULOS, Georgios, A Companion to Aristotle (Chichester: Wiley Blackwell, 2007). Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1002/9781444305661

BARNES, Jonathan, ed., The Cambridge Companion to Aristotle (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995). [Covers as many aspects of Aristotle as the Very Short Introduction, but each is covered in much greater depth. Includes a carefully organised bibliography]


Additional Reading by Topic

The Categories, Substance


FREDE, Michael, Essays in Ancient Philosophy (Oxford: Clarendon, 1987), ch. 3 'Categories in Aristotle'.


Causes


**Hellenistic Epistemology**

**Introductory**


**Early Pyrrhonism**


BETT, R., *Pyrrho, His Antecedents, and His Legacy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000). Also available online at: [https://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780199256617.001.0001]


**Epicureans**


**Stoics**


HANKINSON, R. J., 'Stoic Epistemology', in B. Inwood, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Stoics* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003), pp. 59-84. Also available online at: https://doi.org/10.1017/CCOL052177005X.004


ANNAS, Julia, and J. BARNES, *The Modes of Scepticism* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985), chs. 1-3. Also available online at: https://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511588617


BURNYEAT, Myles, and Michael FREDE, eds., *The Original Sceptics* (Indianapolis, IN: Hackett, 1997). [Includes several of the articles listed here]


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**Sceptics**


**Introductory Reading**


HANKINSON, R. J., 'Determinism and Indeterminism', in K. Algra, et al., eds., *The Cambridge History of Hellenistic Philosophy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999), pp. 513-41. Also available online at: https://doi.org/10.1017/CHOL9780521250283

**Stoic Determinism**


BRENNAN, Tad, *The Stoic Life: Emotions, Duties and Fate* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005), ch. 4 'God and Fate'. Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1093/0199256268.003.0014


HANKINSON, R.J., 'Determinism and Indeterminism', in K. Algra, et al., eds., *The Cambridge History of Hellenistic Philosophy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999), pp. 217-49. Also available online at: https://doi.org/10.1017/CCOL9780521250283.016


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Epicureans on Free Will


O'KEEFE, Tim, Epicurus on Freedom (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005). Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1017/CCOL052177005X


