Philosophy Faculty Reading List and Course Outline 2018-2019

PART II PAPER 04:
EUROPEAN PHILOSOPHY FROM KANT

SYLLABUS

Kant, Critique of Pure Reason to the end of the Transcendental Dialectic (A704, B732).

Hegel, The Phenomenology of Spirit Introduction, Consciousness, Self-consciousness (paragraphs 73-230); Hegel's Logic: being part of the Encyclopaedia of the Philosophical Sciences, paragraphs 1-111; Introduction to Lectures on the Philosophy of History, as far as (but not including) The Geographical Basis of World History; Introduction to the Philosophy of Right, paragraphs 1-40, 104-114, 141-157 and 257-259.

Nietzsche, On Genealogy of Morality, The Birth of Tragedy, Beyond Good and Evil.

COURSE OUTLINE

This course provides an opportunity for students to study three of the most widely influential philosophers of the modern period, thinkers whose effect on subsequent philosophy can scarcely be overestimated, and at the same time to acquaint themselves with the principal sources of the German philosophical tradition.

Offered for study are certain central texts of Kant, Hegel and Nietzsche as listed above. All may be studied in English translation; knowledge of German is not essential.

Prerequisites

None

Objectives

Students taking this paper will be expected to:
1. Acquire a detailed knowledge of the set texts by their chosen philosophers from the three listed.
2. Be able to state the main doctrines expounded in these texts, and to be aware of their interrelations.
3. Have some awareness of interpretative problems relating to these texts and doctrines.
4. Be able critically to discuss these doctrines and the arguments used to support them.

READING LIST

The set texts are required reading.

KANT

Set Text

KANT, Immanuel, Critique of Pure Reason. [To the end of the Transcendental Dialectic (A704/B732)]

The recommended translations are:


KANT, Immanuel, Critique of Pure Reason. in the paraphrased version by Jonathan Bennett presented at: http://www.earlymoderntexts.com/authors/kant.html

General Introductions, Commentaries and Interpretations


BUROKER, Jill, Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction. Rev. ed. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006). Also available online at: https://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511809545


GUYER, Paul, ed., The Cambridge Companion to Kant (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006). Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1017/CCOL0521365872

GUYER, Paul, Kant and the Claims of Knowledge (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1987). Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511624766


LANGTON, Rae, Kantian Humility: Our Ignorance of Things in Themselves (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001). Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1093/0199243174.001.0001
**The Metaphysical and Transcendental Deductions**


[A] BUROKER, Jill Vance, *Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006). Also available online at: https://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511809545


[A] VAN CLEVE, James, *Problems from Kant* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999), ch. 7 'Experience and objects'. Also available online at: www.dawsonera.com


[B] KITCHER, Patricia, *Kant's Transcendental Psychology* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1990), ch. 4 'Replying to Hume's heap'. Also available on Moodle


**Substance and Causality: the Analogies of Experience**


**The Refutation of Idealism**

[A] ALLISON, Henry E., Kant's Transcendental Idealism (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2004), ch. 10 'Inner sense and the refutation of idealism'.

[B] BUROKER, Jill Vance, Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), pp. ch. 7 'The Analytic of Principles II', pp. 163-200. Also available online at: https://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511810954.007


HEGEL

Translations of Hegel's works from Oxford University Press are also available online at: http://pm.nlx.com

Set Texts


HEGEL, Georg W.F., Lectures on the Philosophy of World History, translated by H.B. Nisbet (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1975), Introduction as far as (but not including) the Geographical Basis of World History.


General Books

*BEISER, Frederick C., ed., Cambridge Companion to Hegel (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993). Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1017/CCOL0521382742

*BEISER, Frederick C., ed., Cambridge Companion to Hegel and Nineteenth-Century Philosophy (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008). Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1017/CCOL9780521831673

*BEISER, Frederick C., Hegel (London: Routledge, 2005). Also available online at: http://lib.myilibrary.com/?ID=23270


SELECTED TOPICS

The lists below specify relevant sections of Hegel's text followed by some suggestions for secondary reading. The secondary reading is divided into three classes as shown by the letter preceding the author's name: 'A' indicates introductory material, 'B' the main secondary reading and 'C' more advanced secondary material. Material marked with an asterisk* is particularly recommended.

Subjective Freedom

HEGEL, Georg W.F., *The Philosophy of Right*, Introduction & paragraph 260. Also available online at: pm.nlx.com


*A* KNOWLES, Dudley *Routledge Philosophy Guidebook to Hegel and the 'Philosophy of Right'* (London: Routledge, 2002), ch. 2 The introduction to the *Philosophy of Right*. Also available online at: www.dawsonera.com

[A] BEISER, Frederick C., *Hegel* (London: Routledge, 2005), chs. 9 & 11. Also available online at: lib.mylibrary.com/?ID=23270


*B* NEUHouser, Frederick, *Foundations of Hegel's Social Theory: Actualizing Freedom* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2000), chs. 4, 5 & 7. Also available online at: www.dawsonera.com


[B] WOOD, Allen W., *Hegel's Ethical Thought* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990), Part IV 'Ethical life'. Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781139172257

Objective Freedom

HEGEL, Georg W.F., *The Philosophy of Right*, paragraphs 104-114, 141-157 and 257-259. Also available online at: pm.nlx.com


[A] BEISER, Frederick C., Hegel. (London: Routledge, 2005), ch. 10 'Hegel's theory of the state'. Also available online at: lib.mylibrary.com/?ID=23270


[B] WOOD, Allen W., *Hegel's Ethical Thought* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990), Part IV 'Ethical life'. Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781139172257


HEGEL, Georg W.F., *The Philosophy of Right*, paragraphs 104-114, 141-157 and 257-259. Also available online at: pm.nlx.com
Absolute Idealism


[B] PIPPIN, Robert, Hegel's Idealism: The Satisfactions of Self-Consciousness (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989), esp. chs. 1-2, 8 & 10. Also available online at: http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511621109

[B] STERN, Robert, Hegel's Idealism, in F.C. Beiser, ed., The Cambridge Companion to Hegel and Nineteenth-Century Philosophy (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008), pp. 135-73. Also see the essay by Houlgate in the same volume. Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1017/CCE097805121831673


[D] SEDGWICK, Sally, Hegel's Critique of Kant: From Dichotomy to Identity (Oxford University Press, 2012), esp. ch. 3.

Dialectic


[A] BEISER, Frederick C., Hegel (London: Routledge, 2005), ch. 7 'The dialectic'. Also available online at: http://lib.mylibrary.com/?id=23270

[A] INWOOD, Michael, A Hegel Dictionary (Oxford: Blackwell, 1992), entries on: 'Being, Nothing and Becoming'; 'Contradiction'; 'Dialectic'; 'In, for, and in and for, Itself, Himself, etc. '; 'Negation and Negativity'; 'Reason and Understanding'; 'Sublation'.


[B] ROSEN, Michael, Hegel's Dialectic and Its Criticism (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1982), esp. chs. 2-3 & 6. Also available online at: http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511624841


Mastery, Servitude and Recognition


*[A] BEISER, Frederick C., *Hegel* (London: Routledge, 2005), ch. 8 'Solfipsim and intersubjectivity'. Also available online at: http://lib.myilibrary.com/?I=23270


*[C] FANON, Frantz, *Black Skin, White Masks*, (various editions), chs. 5 and 7, esp. ch. 7, sect. B: 'The Negro and Hegel'.


Sense Certainty


*[A] BEISER, Frederick C., *Hegel* (London: Routledge, 2005), ch. 8 'Solfipsim and intersubjectivity'. Also available online at: http://lib.myilibrary.com/?I=23270


**Nietzsche**

**Set Texts**

**Nietzsche, Friedrich, Beyond Good and Evil, translated by R.J. Hollingdale (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1961).**


**General Books**

*Clark, Maudemarie, Nietzsche on Truth and Philosophy (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990). Also available online at: [http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511624728](http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511624728).*

*Gemes, Ken, and John Richardson, eds., The Oxford Handbook of Nietzsche (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013). Also available online at: [http://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199534647.001.0001](http://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199534647.001.0001). [Especially the excellent chapter on Nietzsche and the Greeks by Jessica Berry, and very good essays on Nietzsche's ethics and aesthetics]*

*Richardson, John, Nietzsche's System (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996). Also available online at: [http://doi.org/10.1093/0195098463.001.0001](http://doi.org/10.1093/0195098463.001.0001).*

*Safranski, Rudiger, Nietzsche: A Philosophical Biography (London: Granta, 2003).*

*Young, Julian, Friedrich Nietzsche: A Philosophical Biography (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010). Also available online at: [http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781139107013](http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781139107013)***

**Selected Topics**

The lists below specify relevant sections of Nietzsche’s text followed by some suggestions for secondary reading. The secondary reading is divided into three classes as shown by the letter preceding the author's name: 'A' indicates introductory material, 'B' the main secondary reading and 'C' more advanced secondary material. Material marked with an asterisk* is particularly recommended.

**Tragedy and the Aesthetic View of Life**


*Ridley, Aaron, Routledge Philosophy Guidebook to Nietzsche on Art (Abingdon: Routledge, 2007), ch. 1 ‘Redemption through art: The Birth of Tragedy’.*


Truth and Perspectivism


NIETZSCHE, Friedrich, Beyond Good and Evil, esp. Part I.

NIETZSCHE, Friedrich, On the Genealogy of Morality, esp. Essay II.


*B] CLARK, Maudemarie, Nietzsche on Truth and Philosophy (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990), ch. 7 'The will to power'. Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511624728.001

*B] CLARK, Maudemarie, Nietzsche on Truth and Philosophy (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990), chs. 4 & 5. Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO978051161624728


*B] JANAWAY, Christopher, Beyond Selflessness: Reading Nietzsche's Genealogy (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997), ch. 9 'Will to Power in the Genealogy'. Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780198279692.001.0009


Will to Power

NIETZSCHE, Friedrich, Beyond Good and Evil, esp. Part I.

NIETZSCHE, Friedrich, On the Genealogy of Morality, esp. Essay II.


**Genealogy as a Philosophical Method**

NIETZSCHE, Friedrich, *On the Genealogy of Morality*. 

NIETZSCHE, Friedrich, *Beyond Good and Evil*, esp. Part V.

[A] LEITER, Brian, *Routledge Philosophy Guidebook to Nietzsche on Morality* (London: Routledge, 2002), ch. 5 'What is "genealogy" and what is the Genealogy?' Also available online at: [http://lib.myilibrary.com/?ID=2153](http://lib.myilibrary.com/?ID=2153)


**Nietzsche's Critique of Morality**

NIETZSCHE, Friedrich, *On the Genealogy of Morality*. 

NIETZSCHE, Friedrich, *Beyond Good and Evil*, esp. Part V.


Free Will and 'Becoming Who One Is'

NIETZSCHE, Friedrich, Beyond Good and Evil.
NIETZSCHE, Friedrich, On the Genealogy of Morality.


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