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:


General Introductions, Commentaries and Interpretations


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


VAN CLEVÉ, James, *Problems from Kant* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999), chs. 1 & 10 (sect. D only). Also available online at: www.dawsonera.com


One obstacle to understanding Kant's work is his terminology. The following provides a one or two page summary of the meaning of each of the main terms:


**SELECTED TOPICS**

The lists below specify relevant sections of Kant'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.

**Transcendental Idealism**


[B] VAN CLEVÉ, James, *Problems from Kant* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999), chs. 1 & 10 (section D only). Also available online at: www.dawsonera.com


**The Transcendental Aesthetic**


[A] VAN CLEVÉ, James, *Problems from Kant* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999), chs. 3 & 4. Also available online at: www.dawsonera.com

[B] FRIEDMAN, Michael, *Kant and the Exact Sciences* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1992), ch. 2 'Concept and intuitions on the mathematical sciences'. Also available on Moodle


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


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


[B] LANGTON, Rae, Kantian Humility (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1998), chs. 7 & 10. Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1093/0199243174.001.0001


The Transcendental Dialectic

KANT, Immanuel, Critique of Pure Reason, Transcendental Dialectic [A293-A341/B249-B399].


B] GRIER, Michelle, Kant's Doctrine of Transcendental Illusion (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001), ch. 6 'Rational cosmology and the pseudoempirical idea of the world'. Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511498145.008


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: http://pm.nlx.com


* [A] KNOWLES, Dudley *Routledge Philosophy Guidebook to Hegel and the 'Philosophy of Right'*. 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: http://pm.nlx.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


Mastery, Servitude and Recognition


[B] BEISER, Frederick C., *Hegel* (London: Routledge, 2005), ch. 8 'Solipsism and intersubjectivity'. Also available online at: http://lib.mylibrary.com/?id=23270


Sense Certainty


[B] PINKARD, Terry P., Hegel's Phenomenology: The Sociality of Reason (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994), ch. 2 'The claims to self-sufficient knowledge: sense-certainty, perception, understanding'. Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781316036433.003


NIETZSCHE

Set Texts


General Books

*CLARK, Maudemarie, Nietzsche on Truth and Philosophy (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990). Also available online at: 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. [Especially the excellent chapter on Nietzsche and the Greeks by Jessica Berry, and very good essays on Nietzsche's ethics and aesthetics]


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


DRIES, Manuel, and Peter KAIL, eds., Nietzsche on Mind and Nature (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015). Also available online at: https://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780198722236.001.0001


HELLER, Erich, The Importance of Nietzsche: Ten Essays (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1988). [First chapter ("The Importance of Nietzsche") and the penultimate one ("Nietzsche's Last Words about Art vs. Truth")]


REGINSTER, Bernard, The Affirmation of Life: Nietzsche on Overcoming Nihilism (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2006). Also available online at: www.dawsonera.com


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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


Truth and Perspective


*[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/CBO9780511624728.009


[B] DOYLE, Tsarina, *Nietzsche’s Metaphysics of the Will to Power: The Possibility of Value* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018), ch. 3 'The will to power as a response to Kant'. Also available online at: https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108265447.004


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.mylibrary.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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We welcome your suggestions for further readings that will improve and diversify our reading lists, to reflect the best recent research, and important work by members of under-represented groups. Please email your suggestions to phillib@hermes.cam.ac.uk including the relevant part and paper number. For information on how we handle your personal data when you submit a suggestion please see [https://www.information-compliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/data-protection/general-data](https://www.information-compliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/data-protection/general-data).