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 267-259.
- 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


The Transcendental Idealism


[A] ALLISON, Henry E., Kant's Transcendental Idealism: an Interpretation and Defense (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2004), ch. 5 'The sensible conditions of human conditions'. Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1093/0199243174.001.0001


[B] LANGTON, Rae, Kantian Humility (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1998), chs. 8 & 10. Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1093/0199243174.001.0001


The Metaphysical and Transcendental Deductions


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


Substance and Causality: the Analogies of Experience


[A] ALLISON, Henry E., Kant's Transcendental Idealism (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2004), ch. 9 'The analogies of experience'.

[A] LANGTON, Rae, Kantian Humility (Oxford: Clarendon, 1998), ch. 3 'Substance and Phenomenal Substance'. Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1093/0199243174.003.0004.


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

[B] LONGUENESSE, Béatrice, Kant on the Human Standpoint (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005), Part II, ch. 4 'Kant on a priori concepts: the metaphysical deduction of the categories'. Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511611614217.

[B] KITCHER, Patricia, Kant's Transcendental Psychology (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1990), ch. 10 'Inner sense and the refutation of idealism'. Also available online at: http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO97805116164217.


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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**


* [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](http://www.dawsonera.com).


**Objective Freedom**


**Absolute Idealism**


Mastery, Servitude and Recognition


Dialectic


**Sense Certainty**


**NIETZSCHE**

**Set Texts**


General Introductions


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

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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 Perspectivism


Nietzsche's Critique of Morality

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


Free Will and 'Becoming Who One Is'

**NIETZSCHE, Friedrich, Beyond Good and Evil.**

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


