

## Directed Studies: Philosophy

Spring 2021

### Lectures:

Each lecture will be available on Canvas by Monday morning of the week in which the material will be discussed. Students should watch the lecture prior to the first section dealing with the relevant text(s).

### Synchronous Zoom Sections:

Paul Franks	TTh 1:00-2:15
Paul Grimstad	TTh 11:35-12:50
Anthony Kronman	TTh 2:30-3:45
Mark Maxwell	TTh 11:35-12:50
Zoltan Szabo	TTh 11:35-12:50
Andrew Werner	TWTh 6:00-6.50

### Texts:

1. René Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy*, edited by John Cottingham (Cambridge)
2. Princess Elisabeth of Bohemia, selections from her correspondence with Descartes (to be distributed)
3. Leibniz, *Discourse on Metaphysics and Other Essays*, translated by Daniel Garber and Roger Ariew (Hackett)
4. Conway, *Principles of the Most Ancient and Modern Philosophy*, edited by Alison Coudert and Taylor Corse (Cambridge)
5. George Berkeley, *A Treatise concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge*, edited by Kenneth P. Winkler
6. David Hume, *Enquiries concerning Human Understanding and concerning the Principles of Morals*, edited by Selby-Bigge and Nidditch, third edition (Oxford)
7. David Hume, *A Treatise of Human Nature*, edited by Selby-Bigge and Nidditch, second edition (Oxford)
8. Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, translated by Paul Guyer and Allen Wood (Cambridge)
9. Immanuel Kant, *Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals*, translated by James Ellington (Hackett)
10. John Stuart Mill, *Utilitarianism*, edited by George Sher (Hackett)
11. Søren Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling*, translated by Sylvia Walsh (Cambridge)

12. Simone de Beauvoir, *Ethics of Ambiguity*, translated by Bernard Freichtman (Open Road Media)
13. Iris Murdoch, *The Sovereignty of Good* (Routledge)
14. Gilbert Ryle, *The Concept of Mind* (Chicago) (extract to be distributed)

### **Weekly Readings and Lectures:**

#### **Week 1**

Lecture on Descartes: Mark Maxwell

T 2/2            Descartes, *Meditations* 1-3

Th 2/4            Descartes, *Meditations* 1-3

#### **Week 2**

Lecture on Descartes: Zoltan Szabo

T 2/9            Descartes, *Meditations* 4-6, Princess Elisabeth, selections from her correspondence with Descartes

Th 2/11          Descartes, *Meditations* 4-6, Princess Elisabeth, selections from her correspondence with Descartes

#### **Week 3**

Lecture on Leibniz and Conway: Paul Franks

T 2/16            Leibniz, *Monadology*

Th 2/18          Conway, *The Principles of the Most Ancient and Modern Philosophy*

#### **Week 4**

Lecture on Berkeley: Zoltan Szabo

T 2/23            Berkeley, *A Treatise concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge*

Th 2/25          Berkeley, *A Treatise concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge*

#### **Week 5**

Lecture on Hume on causality: Paul Grimstad

T 3/2            Hume, *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, sections 1-5, 7-8, 12

Th 3/4            Hume, *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, sections 1-5, 7-8, 12

#### **Week 6**

T 3/9 break

Lecture on Hume's moral philosophy: Mark Maxwell

Th 3/11 Hume, *A Treatise of Human Nature*, Book I, Part 4 , section 6; Book II, Part 1, Section 1; Book II, Part 3, sections 3-4; Book III, Part 1,; Book III, Part 2, sections 1-2

### **Week 7**

T 3/16 Hume, *A Treatise of Human Nature*, Book I, Part 4 , section 6; Book II, Part 1, Section 1; Book II, Part 3, sections 3-4; Book III, Part 1,; Book III, Part 2, sections 1-2

Lecture on Kant's Critique: Paul Franks

Th 3/18 Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, Preface in B, Introduction in B, Transcendental Aesthetic in B (pp. 106-20, 136-52, 172-92)

### **Week 8**

T 3/23 Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, Preface in B, Introduction in B, Transcendental Aesthetic in B (pp. 106-20, 136-52, 172-92)

Lecture on Kant's Critique: Paul Franks

Th 3/25 Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, opening of the Transcendental Analytic, First and Second Analogies, Refutation of Idealism, Third Antinomy plus Resolution of the cosmological idea (pp. 204-14 [up to the end of section 10]; 246-8 [section 16 only]; 299-309 [stop at A 197, before "we have representations in us, . . . "]; 326-9 [begin at heading "Refutation of Idealism," stop at end of "Note 3"]; 484-9; 532-7 [stop before "Clarification"]; and single paragraph on top of p. 546.

### **Week 9**

T 3/30 Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, opening of the Transcendental Analytic, First and Second Analogies, Refutation of Idealism, Third Antinomy plus Resolution of the cosmological idea (pp. 204-14 [up to the end of section 10]; 246-8 [section 16 only]; 299-309 [stop at A 197, before "we have representations in us, . . . "]; 326-9 [begin at heading "Refutation of Idealism," stop at end of "Note 3"]; 484-9; 532-7 [stop before "Clarification"]; and single paragraph on top of p. 546.

Lecture on Kant's moral philosophy: Anthony Kronman

Th 4/1 Kant, *Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals*

### **Week 10**

T 4/6 Kant, *Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals*

Th 4/8 break

### **Week 11**

Lecture on Mill: Anthony Kronman

T 4/13 Mill, *Utilitarianism*

Th 4/15 Mill, *Utilitarianism*

### **Week 12**

Lecture on Kierkegaard: Andrew Werner

T 4/20 Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling*

Th 4/22 Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling*

**Week 13**

Lecture on Beauvoir: Andrew Werner

T 4/27 Beauvoir, *Ethics of Ambiguity*

Th 4/29 Beauvoir, *Ethics of Ambiguity*

**Week 14**

Lecture on Ryle and Murdoch: Paul Grimstad

T 5/4 Ryle, *Concept of Mind*, ch. 1; Murdoch, *The Sovereignty of Good*

Th 5/6 Ryle, *Concept of Mind*, ch. 1; Murdoch, *The Sovereignty of Good*