Directed Studies: Philosophy
Spring 2019

Lectures: Friday, 11:35-12:25, Whitney Humanities Center Auditorium

Sections:

- Kenneth Winkler  TTh 1-2:15 pm
- Stephen Darwall  TTh 11:35-12:50 pm
- Paul Franks  TTh 11:35-12:50 pm
- Francey Russell  TTh 11:35-12:50 pm
- Mark Maxwell  TTh 11:35-12:50 pm
- Elizabeth Miller  TTh 11:35-12:50 pm
- Jonathan Fine  TTh 1-2:15 pm

Texts (available at the World Language Center in the Yale Bookstore):
René Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy*, edited by John Cottingham (Cambridge)
Princess Elisabeth of Bohemia, selections from her correspondence with Descartes (copies to be distributed)
George Berkeley, *A Treatise concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge*, edited by Kenneth P. Winkler (Hackett)
Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, translated by Paul Guyer and Allen Wood (Cambridge)
Kant, *Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals*, translated by James Ellington (Hackett)
John Stuart Mill, *Utilitarianism*, edited by George Sher (Hackett)
Soren Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling*, translated by Sylvia Walsh (Cambridge)
Simone de Beauvoir, *The Ethics of Ambiguity*, translated by Bernard Frechtman (Open Road Media)
Iris Murdoch, *The Sovereignty of Good* (Routledge)

Weekly Assignments and Lectures:

**Week 1**
Reading: Descartes, *Meditations* 1-3
Lecture, Thursday, January 17, 4-4:50 pm, Elizabeth Miller on *Meditations* 1-3

**Week 2**
Reading: Descartes, *Meditations* 4-6, Princess Elisabeth, selections from her correspondence with Descartes
Lecture, January 25: Francey Russell on *Meditations* 4-6

**Week 3**
Reading: *A Spinoza Reader*, selections to be announced
Lecture, February 1: Michael Della Rocca on Spinoza

**Week 4**
Reading: Berkeley, *A Treatise concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge*
Lecture, February 8: Mark Maxwell on Berkeley

**Week 5**
Reading: Hume, *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, sections 1-5, 7-8, 12
Lecture, February 15: Elizabeth Miller on Hume, *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*

**Week 6**

**Week 7**
Lecture, March 1: Kenneth Winkler on Kant, *Critique* (up through the Transcendental Aesthetic)

**Week 8**
Reading: 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, March 8: Kenneth Winkler on Kant, *Critique* (Transcendental Analytic and beyond)

**Week 9**
Reading: Kant, *Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals*
Lecture, March 29: Stephen Darwall on Kant, *Grounding*

**Week 10**
Reading: Hegel, *Phenomenology* Introduction (pp. 46-57), chapter 1, Sense-certainty (pp. 58-66), chapter 4, Lordship and Bondage (pp. 111-19)
Lecture, April 5: Paul Franks on Hegel

**Week 11**
Reading: Mill, *Utilitarianism*
Lecture, April 12: Stephen Darwall on Mill

**Week 12**
Reading: Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling*
Lecture, April 19: Jonathan Fine on Kierkegaard
Week 13
Lecture, April 26: Francey Russell on Beauvoir and Murdoch