

Directed Studies: Philosophy
Spring 2020

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

Sections:

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| Michael Della Rocca | TTh 11:35am-12:50pm |
| Daniel Greco | TTh 11:35-12:50 pm |
| Stephen Darwall | TTh 11:35-12:50 pm |
| Andrew Werner | TTh 11:35-12:50 pm |
| Terence Renaud | TTh 11:35-12:50 pm |
| Jonathan Fine | TTh 11:35-12:50 pm |
| Andrew Werner | TTh 1pm-2:15pm |

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)

Benedict de Spinoza, *A Spinoza Reader*, translated by Edwin M. Curley (Princeton)

George Berkeley, *A Treatise concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge*, edited by Kenneth P. Winkler (Hackett)

David Hume, *Enquiries concerning Human Understanding and concerning the Principles of Morals*, edited by L. A.

Selby-Bigge and P. H. Nidditch, third edition (Oxford)

Hume, *A Treatise of Human Nature*, edited by Selby-Bigge and Nidditch, second edition (Oxford)

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, January 15: Daniel Greco on *Meditations* 1-3

Week 2

Reading: Descartes, *Meditations* 4-6, Princess Elisabeth, selections from her correspondence with Descartes

Lecture, January 22: Michael Della Rocca on *Meditations* 4-6

Week 3

Reading: *A Spinoza Reader*, *Ethics*, Part 1, and Part II through the scholium to Proposition 13

Lecture, January 29: Michael Della Rocca on Spinoza

Week 4

Reading: Berkeley, *A Treatise concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge*

Lecture, February 5: Ken Winkler on Berkeley

Week 5

Reading: Hume, *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, sections 1-5, 7-8, 12
Lecture, February 12: Daniel Greco on Hume, *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*

Week 6

Reading: 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, February 19: Stephen Darwall on Hume, *Treatise*

Week 7

Reading: Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, Preface in B, Introduction in B, Transcendental Aesthetic in B (pp. 106-20, 136-52, 172-92)
Lecture, February 26: Andrew Werner 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 4: Andrew Werner on Kant, *Critique* (Transcendental Analytic and beyond)

Week 9

Reading: Kant, *Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals*
Lecture, March 25: Stephen Darwall on Kant, *Grounding*

Week 10

Reading: Mill, *Utilitarianism*
Lecture, April 1: Terence Renaud on Mill

Week 11

Reading: Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling*
Lecture, April 8: Jonathan Fine on Kierkegaard

Week 12

Reading: de Beauvoir, *Ethics of Ambiguity*
Lecture, April 15: Andrew Werner on de Beauvoir

Week 13

Reading: Murdoch, *The Sovereignty of Good*
Lecture, April 22: Jonathan Fine on Murdoch