Directed Studies: Philosophy  
Spring 2020

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

Sections:

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)  
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
   Lecture, February 19: Stephen Darwall on Hume, *Treatise*

Week 7
   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