

Fall Term 2023

Philosophy 9653: Proseminar

This seminar offers a general orientation to some of the ideas and debates that have shaped contemporary philosophy. We approach this by careful reading and serious discussion of some central texts in the modern analytic tradition. Emphasis will be placed on critical engagement with philosophical works through papers, seminar presentations, and open discussion. Rather than attempting a complete survey, the course will focus on some of the problems in epistemology, metaphysics, and philosophy of language that have broadly influenced the discipline. Authors to be studied will include Frege, Russell, Wittgenstein, Stebbing, Quine, Carnap, Kripke, and Putnam, as well as contemporary responses to their work.

Requirements:

Regular participation in seminar discussions. All readings will be posted on OWL.

One seminar presentation (25%) on one of the assigned readings, accompanied by a written outline or slide presentation

One short paper (25%)

One term paper (50%)