

PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

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1 PRACTICALITIES

Where: Ludwigstr. 31, Room 028
When: Thursday, 14:00 – 16:00
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2 ASSESSMENT

CLASS PARTICIPATION (10%): You are expected to read the assigned texts and prepare at least one question or a comment related to each of them.

PRESENTATION (40%): You are required to present one of the papers from the reading list. You will also need to submit a short summary of your presentation (at most 1000 words). The oral presentation should last about 20 minutes.

FINAL PAPER: (50%) You are required write a paper (at most 3000 words) on the topic of your choice, but approved by the instructor. You are required to submit a paper proposal by January 7. The final paper deadline is February 26, 2016.

3 READING

“Mind and Cognition. An Anthology,” 3rd edition. Edited by William G. Lycan and Jesse J. Prinz, Blackwell Publishing, 2008.

The numbers before the titles correspond to the numbers of the articles in the anthology.

15.10.2015 Introductory Lecture: What is Philosophy of Mind?

22.10.2015 Behaviour vs. brain

1. Excerpt from About Behaviorism: B. F. Skinner.
2. Is Consciousness a Brain Process?: U. T. Place.

29.10.2015 Causal and functionalist views

3. The Causal Theory of Mind: D. M. Armstrong.
4. The Nature of Mental States: Hilary Putnam.

05.11.2015 Intentionality

8. Information and Representation: Jerry A. Fodor.
9. Biosemantics: Ruth Garrett Millikan.

- 12.11.2015 Computational Theory of mind
- 12. Why There Has to Be and How There Could Be a Private Language: Jerry A. Fodor.
 - 13. Which Language Do We Think With?: Peter Carruthers.
- 19.11.2015 Artificial Intelligence
- 14. Semantic Engines: An Introduction to Mind Design: John Hauge-land.
 - 15. Can Computers Think?: John R. Searle.
- 03.12.2015 Connectionism and Anti-Representationalism
- 17. Neural Representation and Neural Computation: Patricia Smith Churchland and Terrence Sejnowski.
 - 19. What Might Cognition Be, If Not Computation?: Tim Van Gelder.
- 10.12.2015 Instrumentalism
- 21. True Believers: The Intentional Strategy and Why it Works: Daniel C. Dennett.
 - 22. Dennett on Intentional Systems: Stephen P. Stich.
- 17.12.2015 Folk psychology
- 26. Autonomous Psychology and the Belief–Desire Thesis: Stephen P. Stich.
 - 27. Folk Psychology is Here to Stay: Terence Horgan and James Woodward.
- 07.01.2016 Externalism and extended Mind
- 32. Reference, Causal Powers, Externalist Intuitions, and Unicorns: Gabriel M. A. Segal.
 - 35. The Extended Mind: Andy Clark and David J. Chalmers.
- 14.01.2016 Consciousness
- 36. How Not to Find the Neural Correlate of Consciousness: Ned Block.
 - 37. What Should We Expect from a Theory of Consciousness?: Patricia S. Churchland.
- 21.01.2016 Qualia
- 42. Epiphenomenal Qualia: Frank Jackson.
 - 44. The Intrinsic Quality of Experience: Gilbert Harman.
- 28.01.2016 Perceptual content
- 47. Simple Seeing: Fred Dretske.
 - 49. Non-conceptual Content: John McDowell.
- 04.02.2016 Animal Minds
- 52. The Problem of Simple Minds: Is There Anything it is Like to be a Honey Bee?: Michael Tye.
 - 53. Why the Question of Animal Consciousness Might Not Matter Very Much: Peter Carruthers.