

Code: BMI-FLMD-322E.19

Course title: Contemporary Continental Philosophy

Course convenors: Sandor Sajó

Class time and place: 9:00-10:30 Thursday, Room 40

Course type: Lecture /Seminar / Practical work

Course content: The course offers an introduction to contemporary continental philosophy. However, contemporary philosophy being part and parcel of the Western philosophical tradition, we shall also read some classical texts. The central themes are basic philosophical issues such as the possible foundations of knowledge, the problem of language and representation in general, the problem of power and knowledge, etc.

Requirements: Regular attendance, active participation in the discussions, and a final paper.

Learning outcomes: First of all, learning about yourself, others and the world. Then, getting an overall view of what is going on in contemporary continental philosophy. And, the improvement of your arguing skills.

Indicative Reading: Deleuze, Gilles: "How Do We Recognize Structuralism?". In *Desert Island and Other Texts 1953-1974*. Trans. Michael Taomina. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 2004, pp. 170-193.

Derrida, Jacques: "Structure, Sign and Play in the Discourse of the Human Sciences". In: *Writing and Difference*. Trans. Alan Bass. London and New York: Routledge, 2005. pp. 351-370.

Derrida, Jacques: "Différance". In: *Margins of Philosophy*. Trans. Alan Bass. Brighton: Harvester Press, 1982, pp. 1-28.

Derrida, Jacques: *Of Grammatology*. Trans. Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1976, excerpts: "Preface" (pp. lxxxix-xc) + Part 1: "Exergue" + Chapter 1: "The End of the Book and the Beginning of Writing" (pp. 1-26)

Derrida, Jacques: "Foreigner Question". In *Of Hospitality*. Trans. Rachel Bowlby. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2000, pp. 3-73.

Foucault, Michel: "The Discourse on Language". In: *The Archaeology of Knowledge*. Trans. A. M. Sheridan Smith. New York: Harper and Row, 1972, pp. 215-237.

Foucault, Michel: *The Order of Things*. New York: Vintage, 1973, excerpts: "Preface" (pp. xvi-xxvi) and "Chapter 1: Las Meninas" (pp. 3-18.)

Foucault, Michel: "Structuralism and Post-structuralism". In *EWF** 2, pp. 433-458.

Foucault, Michel: "The Subject and Power". In *EWF** 3, pp. 326-348

Foucault, Michel: "What is Enlightenment?". In *EWF* I*. pp. 303-321.

Kant, Immanuel: "An Answer to the Question: What is Enlightenment?" in Kant: *Practical Philosophy*. Trans. Mary Gregor. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996. pp. 11-23.

Lacan, Jacques: "Seminar on 'The Purloined Letter'". *Yale French Studies* 1978, Issue 42, 39-72.

Nietzsche, Friedrich: "On Truth and Lies in a Nonmoral Sense". In: *Philosophy and Truth*. Trans. Daniel Breazeale. New Jersey: Humanities Press, pp. 79-91.

Poe, Edgar Allan: "The Purloined Letter". In: *Tales of Mystery and Imagination*. London, etc./Henry Frowde, 178-198.

Saussure, Ferdinand de (2011). *Course in General Linguistics*. Trans. Wade Baskin. New York: Columbia University Press, excerpt: pp. 88-89. (chess analogy)

* EWF = Paul Rabinow ed.: *The Essential Works of Michel Foucault 1-3*. Trans. Robert Hurley and others. New York: The New Press, 1997-2001.
