

Philosophy 700: First-Year Seminar

Fall 2007

General information

Time: W 3:30 – 6:18 PM
Location: 353 University Hall
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Course description

This seminar is on linguistic and mental content: that is, the contents that sentences semantically express and that agents stand in propositional attitudes to. We'll look at two broad traditions: one that is represented in Frege, another that is represented in Kripke.

Requirements

Students will satisfactorily complete short weekly assignments and an additional short assignment. These assignments are worth 0% of the final grade. Students will also write a seminar paper, which is worth 100% of the final grade.

Readings

1. Frege, "On Sense and Reference"
2. Russell, "On Denoting"
3. Kripke, *Naming and Necessity*
4. Kaplan, "Demonstratives"
5. Burge, "Individualism and the Mental"
6. Fodor, "Methodological Solipsism Considered as a Research Strategy in Cognitive Psychology"
7. Burge, "Individualism and Psychology"
8. Harman, "The Intrinsic Quality of Experience"
9. Chalmers, "The Representational Character of Experience"

Disabilities

Students who might need accommodations are encouraged to contact (a) either of us and (b) the Office for Disability Services (150 Pomerene Hall, 292-3307).

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http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/resource_csc.asp
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<http://oaa.osu.edu/coam/home.html>."