

Phenomenology

PHL320 H1F

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 – 11:00

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Office Hour: Tuesday 4pm – 5pm

DESCRIPTION

This course will introduce students to the most influential approach within continental philosophy in the twentieth century: phenomenology. We will study its historical development as well as its central methods and concepts mainly by looking at the different versions of phenomenology advanced by four of its seminal figures: Franz Brentano, Edmund Husserl, Martin Heidegger, and Maurice Merleau-Ponty. The course will focus on such issues as the phenomenology's empirical and transcendental aspects; its radicalization or rejection of the subject-object distinction in modern philosophy; as well as its relevance to contemporary sciences, on the one hand, and its relation to the everyday world, on the other.

PRIMARY TEXTS

Brentano, Franz. *Psychology from an Empirical Standpoint*. London: Routledge, 1995. (PES)

Husserl, Edmund. *Logical Investigations: Volume 2*. London: Routledge, 2001. (LI2)

Heidegger, Martin. *Introduction to Phenomenological Research*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2005. (IPR)

Merleau-Ponty, Maurice. *Phenomenology of Perception*. London: Routledge, 1978. (PP)

LECTURE SCHEDULE

September 14	Introduction		October 28	LI2, VI, ch. 9 & Appendix
September 16	PES, bkII, ch. 1		November 2	IPR, §1-2
September 21	PES, bkII, ch. 2		November 4	IPR, §3-10
September 23	CANCELLED		November 9	FALL SEMESTER BREAK
September 28	PES, bkII, ch. 3		November 11	IPR, §11-16
September 30	CANCELLED		November 16	IPR, §17-22
October 5	LI2, V, ch. 1 & 2		November 18	IPR, §37-43
October 7	LI2, V, ch. 3 & 4		November 23	IPR, §44-50
October 12	LI2, V, ch. 5 & 6		November 25	PP, Intro: 1 & 2
October 14	LI2, VI, ch. 1 & 2		November 30	PP, Intro: 3 & 4
October 19	LI2, VI, ch. 3 & 4		December 2	PP, Part I: 1, 2, & 4
October 21	LI2, VI, ch. 5 & 6		December 7	PP, Part II: 1
October 26	LI2, VI, ch. 7 & 8			

“BLACKBOARD”

All of the course readings will be available on “blackboard.” Please log-in to portal.utoronto.ca, and follow the instructions in order to find this course. It is essential that you check “blackboard” regularly, as instructions for all assignments and notifications about any last-minute changes will be posted there.

EVALUATION

Short papers	60% (20% x 3)
<i>Due Dates:</i> October 5; November 4; November 30	
Participation	10%
Take-Home Exam	30%

ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS

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