

PHL410 H1S
HEIDEGGER'S JEWISH READERS
Wednesday 9am – 12pm
Trinity College 24

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Course Description

Despite his affiliation with the Nazi Party, Martin Heidegger exercised considerable philosophical influence over many of his Jewish students as well as over subsequent Jewish philosophers in France and in America. This course will examine (i) the various ways in which Heidegger's Jewish readers took up aspects of his philosophical project, (ii) the extent to which doing so required them to address the disturbing facts of his biography, and (iii) whether they discovered the resources for an adequate response to his life and thought in his own works. After considering Heidegger's project in *Being and Time* and its transformation in select later addresses and essays, the course will turn to such "Jewish" authors as Karl Löwith, Hannah Arendt, Leo Strauss, Emmanuel Levinas, Jacques Derrida, and Stanley Cavell.

Evaluation

Participation (10%)

- Students are expected to do the readings before lectures and to come to class prepared to discuss them. Students are also expected to bring each week's reading(s) to class.

Four Reading Responses (30%)

- There will be four short writing assignments (approximately 300 words) in which students engage critically with the readings. These response papers are an opportunity for students to find topics for their final papers. Late assignments will not be accepted. Assignments are due in class on:

1. January 20
2. February 03
3. February 24
4. March 10

Take-Home Test (20%)

- The take-home test will consist of 6 questions, of which students will be required to answer 4. The questions will be distributed approximately a week before the answers are due in class on March 24th. Late tests will not be accepted.

Final Essay (40%)

- Final papers are due on the last class, March 31. Students are responsible for choosing a topic from the ones covered in class discussion and to clear the topic with me by March 17th at the latest. Final papers should be approximately 4,000 words long.

Accessibility Needs

The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility. If you require accommodations for a disability, or have any accessibility concerns about the course, the classroom or course materials, please contact Accessibility Services as soon as possible: disability.services@utoronto.ca.

Required Texts

There is no textbook for the course. Required readings will be posted on the course website.

Reading Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Reading(s)</i>
January 6:	Martin Heidegger, <i>Being and Time</i> , Preface
January 13:	Martin Heidegger, <i>Being and Time</i> , Introduction
January 20:	Martin Heidegger, <i>Being and Time</i> , Division One, Chapters I and II
January 27:	Martin Heidegger, <i>Being and Time</i> , Division One, Chapter III
February 3:	Martin Heidegger, <i>Being and Time</i> , Division One, Chapter IV and V
February 10:	Martin Heidegger, <i>Being and Time</i> , Division One, Chapter VI
FEBRUARY 17	NO CLASS
February 24:	Martin Heidegger, "Letter on 'Humanism'"
March 3:	Martin Heidegger, "The Question Concerning Technology" Martin Heidegger, "The Principle of Ground"
March 10:	Martin Heidegger, "The Self-Assertion of the German University" Karl Löwith, "The Political Implications of Heidegger's Existentialism"
March 17:	Leo Strauss, "An Introduction to Heideggerian Existentialism" Hannah Arendt, "What is Existential Philosophy?"
March 24:	Emmanuel Levinas, "Is Ontology Fundamental?" Jacques Derrida, "The Ends of Man"
March 31:	Stanley Cavell, "The Uncanniness of the Ordinary"

Office Hours

You can find me in my office – Jackman Humanities Building, Room 517 – on Wednesdays from 12pm to 1pm. Please come visit me during this time, especially if you a detailed question about a particular reading or idea. Such questions are best pursued in person – *not in emails* – because they usually take a fair bit of back and forth. Emails should be used for logistical matters.