

**ICS Calendar Title:** Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit  
**ICS Course Code:** ICS 2432 S09  
**Instructors:** Dr. Shannon Hoff  
**Term and Year:** Tuesdays, 1:30-4:30 PM, Spring 2009  
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### Course Description

This course will consist in a close reading of Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit. We will pay special attention to the basic theme of the logical and historical relationship between individual and social self-consciousness. We will also address Hegel's significance in relation to both his philosophical context and ours.

### Keywords

Hegel, Phenomenology of Spirit, 19th century philosophy, consciousness, self-consciousness, reason, spirit, absolute knowing, recognition, forgiveness

### Course Learning Goals

- a. Critical understanding of the overall structure and method of the Phenomenology
- b. Ability to think creatively and constructively across the modern and contemporary significations of the text
- c. Knowledge of leading debates in Hegel interpretation

### Course Requirements

- a. Total reading: 1250 pages total, including research for paper, of which approximately 40-60 pages per week is required to prepare for class.
- b. In-seminar leadership: Faculty lectures and student presentations.
- c. Description of course paper: Research paper on course topics.
- d. Description and weighting of elements to be evaluated:  
Class participation: 20%  
Seminar presentations: 30%  
Research paper: 50%

### Required Readings:

G.W.F. Hegel, **Phenomenology of Spirit**, tr. A.V. Miller (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1977) [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B2928 .E5 M54 1977]

### Recommended Readings:

General Commentaries:

Jacques Derrida, *Glas*, translated by John P. Leavey, Jr. and Richard Rand [ROBA: B 2948 .d4613 1986]  
H.S. Harris, *Hegel's Ladder I: The Pilgrimage of Reason; Hegel's Ladder II: The Odyssey of Spirit* [ROBA: B2929 .H34 1997]; Hegel: *Phenomenology and System* [ROBA: B2929 .H34 1995X]  
Jean Hyppolite, **Genesis and Structure of Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit**, tr. Samuel Cherniak and John Heckman [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B2929 .H813 ; ROBA: B2929 .H813]  
Michael Inwood, *A Hegel Dictionary* (Oxford: Blackwell Publishers Ltd., 1992). [ROBA: B2901 .I58 1992]  
Alexandre Kojève, *Introduction à la Lecture de Hegel*, ed. R. Queneau. [ROBA: B2929 .K6]  
Quentin Lauer, *A Reading of Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit* [ROBA: B2929 .L38 1993]  
Richard Norman, *Hegel's Phenomenology: a Philosophical Introduction* [PRATT Library: B2929 .N67 1991]  
Adriaan Peperzak, *Modern Freedom: Hegel's Legal, Moral, and Political Philosophy* [PRATT Library: B2949 .E8 P43 2001]  
Terry Pinkard, *Hegel: a Biography* [ROBA: B2947 .P56 2000]; *Hegel's Phenomenology: the Sociality of Reason* [ROBA: B2929 .P54 1994]  
Robert Solomon, *In the Spirit of Hegel: a Study of G.W.F. Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit* [ROBA: B2929 .S57]  
Charles Taylor, **Hegel**. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B2948 .T39]

Other Resources:

- Seyla Benhabib, "On Hegel, Women and Irony" in *Feminist Interpretations and Political Theory*, ed. Molly Shanley and Carole Pateman. (Polity Press, 1991), pp. 129-146 [ROBA: HQ1190 .F46 1991b]
- J.M. Bernstein, "Confession and Forgiveness: Hegel's Poetics of Action" in *Beyond Representation: Philosophy and Poetic Imagination* [ROBA: PN49 .B49 1996X]; "Love and Law: Hegel's Critique of Morality" *Social Research*. 70/2 (Summer 2003) [ICS Library Reserve Shelf]
- Harry Brod, *Hegel's Philosophy of Politics: Idealism, Identity and Modernity* [ROBA: JC233 .H43 B76 1992]
- Judith Butler, *Antigone's Claim: Kinship Between Life and Death* [ROBA: B2948 .B855 2000X]; *Subjects of Desire* [TRIN: B2948 .B86 1999]
- Klaus Düsing, "'Hegels Phänomenologie' und die Idealistische Geschichte des Selbstbewusstseins" *Hegel-Studien* 28 (1993): 103-126 [ROBA: B2900 .H43]
- Griffioen, Sander, *De Roos en het kruis: de waardering van de eendigheid in het latere denken van Hegel*. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B2949 .N3 G74]
- G.W.F. Hegel, *Aesthetics* 2 vols., tr. T.M. Knox [ROBA: N 64 .H413]; *Early Theological Writings*, tr. T.M. Knox [ROBA: B2908 .K513 1971]; *Elements of the Philosophy of Right*, tr. H.B. Nisbet [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: K230 .H43 G7813 1991]; *Introduction to the Philosophy of History*, tr. Leo Rauch [ROBA: D16.8 .H462 1988]; *Lectures on the Philosophy of Religion*, tr. R.F. Brown, P.C. Hodgson, and J.M. Stewart [ROBA: B2939 .E5 B76 1984 v.1-3]; *Natural Law*, tr. T.M. Knox [ROBA: B2944 .U413]; *Political Writings*, tr. T.M. Knox [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: JC233 .H433]; *Science of Logic*, tr. A.V. Miller [Erindale Library: B2942 .E5 M5]; "Two Fragments of 1797 on Love," tr. H.S. Harris *Clio* 8(2), 1979 [ICS Library Reserve Shelf]
- Lewis P. Hinchman, *Hegel's Critique of the Enlightenment* [ROBA: B2948 .H525 1984]
- Axel Honneth, *The Struggle for Recognition: the Moral Grammar of Social Conflicts* [ROBA: HM136 .H59813 1995X]
- Kimberly Hutchings, *Hegel and Feminist Philosophy* [ROBA: HQ1190 .H88 2003]
- Christoph Menke, *Tragödie im Sittlichen: Gerechtigkeit und Freiheit nach Hegel* [ROBA: B2949 .T64 M46 1996]
- Jean-Luc Nancy, *Hegel: the Restlessness of the Negative* [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B2948 .N3213 2002 ; ROBA: B2948 .N3213 2002X]
- Robert Pippin, *Idealism as Modernism: Hegelian Variations* [ROBA: B823 .P55 1997X]
- Gillian Rose, *Hegel Contra Sociology* [ROBA: B2949 .S6 R6]; *Mourning Becomes the Law* [ROBA: B1615 .R67 1996]
- John Russon, *Reading Hegel's Phenomenology* [ROBA: B2929 .R86 2004X] ; *The Self and It's Body in Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit* [PRATT Library: B2929 .R87 1997]
- Judith N. Shklar, *Freedom and Independence: a Study of the Political Ideas of Hegel's Phenomenology of Mind* [ROBA: B2929 .S48]
- Steven B. Smith, *Hegel's Critique of Liberalism: Rights in Context* [ROBA: JC233 .H46 S63 1989]
- Allan Speight, *Hegel, Literature, and the Problem of Agency* [ROBA: B2929 .S62 2001]
- Peter J. Steinberger, *Logic and Politics* [ROBA: K230 .H432 S74 1988]
- Robert Stern, *G.W.F. Hegel: Critical Assessments* [ROBA: B 2948 v.1-4]
- Charles Taylor, *Hegel and Modern Society* [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B2948 .T393]
- Armin von Bogdandy, *Hegels Theorie des Gesetzes* [DOWNSVIEW: K230 .H432 B64 1989]
- Kenneth R. Westphal, *Hegel's Epistemology: a Philosophical Introduction to the Phenomenology of Spirit* [ROBA: B2929 .W465 2003X]
- Merold Westphal, *History and Truth in Hegel's Phenomenology* [PRATT: B2929 .W47 1998]
- A. Wylleman, ed. *Hegel on the Ethical Life, Religion, and Philosophy* [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B2948 .H337 1989 ; ROBA: B2948 .H337 1989]
- Slavoj Zizek, *Tarrying with the Negative: Kant, Hegel, and the Critique of Ideology* [ROBA: B2798 .Z59 1993]