

ICS Calendar Title: IDS: Way, Truth, and Life: (Re)Visioning of Truth from the PreSocratics to Hegel
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Course Description:

This seminar reexamines Western conceptions of truth from the preSocratics to Hegel in light of contemporary debate over the nature and meaning of truth. How and out of what contexts has truth been conceived in the Western tradition? Which contexts have been privileged and which forgotten? How might one's understanding of the Western truth tradition be reconceived to address postmodern concerns? Seminar style, weekly reflections, major paper.

Course Requirements:

Class participation. Each course member is required to do reading assignments and participate in class discussions. **10%-20%**

Presentation. Each course participant will give one or two presentations on course readings. The 20-30 minute presentation should highlight main points and raise questions about the text. **20%-30%**

Research Essay. Students at the Master's level will submit a 3000-4000 word research essay on an approved topic; essays by doctoral students will be 5000-7000 words. A one-page proposal with initial bibliography will be handed in **during class on February 24**. Final papers are due **Friday, May 21, 2010**. **50%-70%**

Required Readings:

Parmenides, *The Way of Truth*. In *Parmenides and the Way of Truth*. Trans. Richard G. Geldard. Rhinebeck, N.Y.: Monkfish Book Pub., 2007. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B235 .P24 G47 2007]

Plato. *Thaetetus*. In *Complete Works*. Ed. John M. Cooper. Indianapolis, Ind.: Hackett, 1997, 179c-210d. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B358 .C3 1997]

Aristotle. *De Interpretatione: contradiction and dialectic*. In *The Complete Works of Aristotle*. Ed. Jonathan Barnes. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1984. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B407 .S5 1984]

The Gospel According to John (complete) and *The First Letter of John* (complete). NSRV or translation of your choice.

Lincoln, Andrew T. "Reading John: the Fourth Gospel Under Modern and Postmodern Interrogation." In *Reading the Gospels Today*. Ed. Stanley E. Porter. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2004, 127-149. [Robarts Library: BS2555.52 .R43 2004X]

Anonymous. *Question on the Nature of Poetry*. In *Medieval Literary Theory and Criticism c. 100-c.1375: The Commentary Tradition*. Ed. A.J.Minnis and A.B. Scott. Oxford University Press, 1988, pp. 307-313. [Trinity College Library: PN88 .M45 1988]

Anselm. *De veritate*. In *The Major Works*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998, pp. 151-174. [Robarts Library: B765 .A82 E54 1998]

Thomas Aquinas. "Disputed Questions de veritate Bk I, Qu. 1." In *Truth--Questiones I-IX*. Indianapolis/Cambridge: Hackett Publishing Co., 1994, pp. 3-51.

Nicholas of Cusa. *Metaphysical Speculations*. Trans. Jasper Hopkins. Minneapolis: The Arthur Banning Press, 1998.

Calvin, John. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. Trans. Henry Beveridge. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1989. Book I, Chap. I, "The Knowledge of God and That of Ourselves Are Connected. How They Are Interrelated" [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BX9420 .I65 1989]

Descartes, René. *Meditations on First Philosophy*. Indianapolis: Hackett, 1979, Meditation II and Meditation III [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B1853 .E5 C73 1979]

Hume, David. *A Treatise of Human Nature*. In *Selections for An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding and A Treatise of Human Nature*. La Salle, IL: Open Court Publishing, 1966, Book 3.1.1. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B1480 1966]

Kant, Immanuel. Preface to Second Edition. *Critique of Pure Reason* (1781, 1787). Trans. Norman Kemp Smith. London: Macmillan, 1956, c1929, pp. 17-37. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B2778 .E5 S6 1956]

Kant, Immanuel. Third Part, Conclusion, and Solution, in *Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics That Will Be Able to Come Forward as Science* (1783), 2nd ed. Paul Carus translation extensively revised by James W. Ellington. Indianapolis: Hackett, 2001, pp. 64-104. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B2787 .E5 C3 2001]

Schelling, Friedrich William Joseph. Forward, Part Four #III, Part Five, and Part Six. In *System of Transcendental Idealism* (1800). Trans. Peter Heath. Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1978, pp. 1-4, 199-236. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf ; Victoria University, Pratt Library: B2883 .E5 H4 1978]

Schelling, Friedrich William Joseph. "Construction of Art As Such and in General." In *The Philosophy of Art* (1859). Ed. and trans. Douglas W. Stott. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1989, pp. 23-32. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf ; Robarts Library: N64 .S4213 1989]

Hegel, G.W.F. *Reason in History. A General Introduction to the Philosophy of History*. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, 1953. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: D16.8 .H4513]

Vico, Giambattista. *On the Ancient Wisdom of the Italians Taken From the Origins of the Latin Language*. (1710). In *Vico: Selected Writings*. Edited and translated by Leon Pompa. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1982. Book I: Introduction, Parts 1-3, pp. 49-65. [Robarts Library: B3580 .A5 1982]

Recommended Readings:

Adams, Marilyn McCord. "Saint Anselm's theory of truth." *Documenti e Studi sulla Tradizione Filosofica Medievale*, 1 (1990), 353-372. [PIMS Library: PER]

Aertsen, Jan Adrianus. *Medieval reflections on truth. Adaequatio rei et intellectus*. Amsterdam: VU Boekhandel, 1984.

_____. *Nature and creature. Thomas Aquinas's way of thought*. Leiden: Brill, 1988. [Robarts Library: B765 .T54 A4513 1988]
Chapter 4: The way of truth (*Via veritatis*), pp. 141-190.

_____. *Medieval philosophy and the transcendentals. The case of Thomas Aquinas*. Leiden: Brill, 1996. Chapter Six: True as Transcendental, pp. 243-289 [Robarts Library: B738 .T73 A37 1996X]

Aleksandrovich, Florensky Pavel. *The Pillar and Ground of the Truth*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1997. [Robarts Library: BT160 .F5513 1997]

Altegoer, Diana B. *Reckoning Words: Baconian Science and the Construction of Truth in English Renaissance Culture*. Madison, N.J.: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2000. [Robarts Library: PR438 .S37 A45 2000X]

Armstrong, D. M. *Belief, Truth and Knowledge*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1973. [Robarts Library: BD161 .A76 1973]

Averroes. *Tahafut al-tahafut; the Incoherence of the Incoherence*. Trans. Simon van den Bergh. London: M. Luzac, 1954. [Robarts Library: B753 .G33 T32543 1954 v.1-2]

- Barnes Jonathan. *Truth, etc.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2007. [Robarts Library: BC28 .B37 2007]
- Berti, E. "The Intellection of 'Indivisibles' According to Aristotle *de Anima* 3.6." In *Aristotle on mind and the senses : proceedings of the seventh Symposium Aristotelicum*. Ed. G. E. R. Lloyd and G. E. L. Owen. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1978. [Robarts Library: B491 .M5 S95 1975]
- Black, Deborah. *Logic and Aristotle's "Rhetoric" and "Poetics" in Medieval Arabic Philosophy*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1990. [Robarts Library: B744.3 .B42 1990]
- Campbell, Richard. *Truth and Historicity*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1992. [Robarts Library: BD171 .C33 1992]
- Colish, Marcia L. "The Stoic theory of verbal signification and the problem of lies and false statements from Antiquity to St. Anselm." In *Archéologie du Signe*. Edited by Brind'Amour Lucie and Vance Eugène. Toronto: Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies 1983, pp. 17-43. [St. Michael's College Library: P99 .A73 1983]
- Crivelli, Paolo. *Aristotle on Truth*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004. [Robarts Library: B491 .T78 C75 2004]
- Duquette, David, ed. *Hegel's History of Philosophy: New Interpretations*. Albany, NY: State University of New York, 2003. [Robarts Library: B2936 .Z7 H44 2003X]
- Harris, H.S. *Hegel: Phenomenology and System*. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Co., 1995. [Robarts Library: B2929 .H34 1995X]
- Harvey, P. "Aristotle on Truth and Falsity in *de Anima* 3.6," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 16 (1978), 219-20. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf]
- Houlgate, Stephen. *An Introduction to Hegel: Freedom, Truth and History*. 2nd ed. Oxford: Blackwell, 2005. [Victoria University, Pratt Library: B2948 .H658 2005]
- Lee Mi-Kyoung. *Epistemology after Protagoras. Responses to Relativism in Plato, Aristotle, and Democritus*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2005. [Robarts Library: B305 .P83 A44 2005]
- Lincoln, Andrew T. *Truth on Trial: The Lawsuit Motif in John's Gospel*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2000. [Trinity College Library: BS2615.2 .L54 2000]
- Lowe, T. "Aristotle on Kinds of Thinking," *Phronesis*, 28, 1983, 17-30. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf]
- Lloyd, A.C. "Non-discursive Thought –an Enigma of Greek Philosophy," *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, 70 (1969/70), 261-74. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf]
- Lynch, M. P., ed. *The Nature of Truth: From the Classic to the Contemporary*, Cambridge, Mass.: The MIT Press, 2001. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BD171 .N35 2001]
- Mackenzie, Mary Margaret, "Parmenides Dilemma," *Phronesis: A Journal for Ancient Philosophy*, vol. 27, no. 1-2, 1982, pp. 1-12. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf]
- Marrone, Steven P. *William of Auvergne and Robert Grosseteste: New Ideas of Truth in the Early Thirteenth Century*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1983. [Robarts Library: B765 .G84 M37 1983]
- _____. *Truth and Scientific Knowledge in the Thought of Henry of Ghent*. Cambridge, Mass.: Medieval Academy of America, 1985. [Robarts Library: B765 .H54 M37 1985]
- _____. *The Light of Thy Countenance. Science and knowledge of God in the Thirteenth century*. Leiden: Brill, 2001. [Robarts Library: BT50 .M28 2000 v.1-2]
- McGrath, Sean J. "Heidegger and Duns Scotus on truth and language." *Review of Metaphysics*, (2003), 339-358. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf]

Milbank, John and Catherine Pickstock. *Truth in Aquinas*. London: Routledge, 2001. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B765 .T54 M55 2001]

O'Connor, D. J. *The Correspondence Theory of Truth*. London: Hutchinson, 1975. [Robarts Library: BD171 .O24]

Owens, Joseph. *Judgment and Truth in Aquinas*. Toronto: Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, 1970. [St. Michael's College Library: B765 .T54 O84 1970]

Perkins, Robert L., ed. *History and System: Hegel's Philosophy of History*. Albany, NY: State University of New York, 1984. [Robarts Library: D16.8 .H6245 1984]

Quell, G., Kittel, G., Bultmann, R. "Aletheia, alethes, alethinós, aletheuo." In Gerhard Kittel. Ed. *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*. Vol. 1. Trans. Geoffrey W. Bromiley. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1964, pp. 232-251. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: PA881 .K513 v.1]

Ruello, Francis. *La notion de vérité chez saint Albert Le Grand et Saint Thomas d'Aquin de 1243 à 1254*. Paris: Béatrice-Nauwelaerts, 1969. [Victoria University, Pratt Library: BT50 .R77 1969]

Schüssler, Ingeborg. *La question de la vérité. Thomas d'Aquin, Nietzsche, Kant, Aristote, Heidegger*. Lausanne: Editions Payot, 2001. [Robarts Library: BD171 .S29 2001]

Siorvanes, Lucas. "The problem of truth in the *Platonic Theology*." In *Proclus et la Théologie platonicienne*. Edited by Alain-Philippe Segonds and Carlos Steel. Paris: Les Belles Lettres, 2000, pp. 47-63. [Robarts Library: B701 .Z7 P73 2000]

Sorabji, R. "Myths about Propositional Thought." In *Language and Logos : Studies in Ancient Greek Philosophy Presented to G.E.L. Owen*. Edited M. Schofield and M. Craven Nussbaum. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1982. [Robarts Library: B171 .L35]

Synan, Edward A. "Truth: Augustine and Anselm." *Anselm Studies. An Occasional Journal*, 2 (1988), 275-295. [PMS Library: B765 .A84 T93 1988 v.2]

Taylor, Richard C. "'Truth Does Not Contradict Truth': Averroes and the Unity of Truth." *Topoi*, Vol. 19, No. 1 (2000), 3-16 [ICS Library Reserve Shelf]

Waddell, Michael M. "Truth or Transcendentals: What Was St. Thomas's Intention at *De veritate* 1.1?" *Thomist* 67 (2003), 197-219. [St. Michael's College Library: BX801 .T5]

Westphal, Merold. *History and Truth in Hegel's Phenomenology*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1998. [Robarts Library: B2929 .W47 1998X]

Wippel, John F. "Truth in Thomas Aquinas II." In *Metaphysical themes in Thomas Aquinas*. Ed. J.F. Wippel. Vol. II. Washington: Catholic University of America Press, 2007, pp. 65-112. [St. Michael's College Library: B21 .S78 v.47]

Reading Schedule:

1. Jan. 6	Introduction Parmenides, <i>The Way of Truth</i> ● Complete <i>The Way of Truth</i>
2. Jan. 13	Plato, <i>Theaetetus</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plato, 179c-210d
3. Jan. 20	<p>Aristotle, <i>De Interpretatione: contradiction and dialectic</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete <i>De Interpretatione: contradiction and dialectic</i>
4. Jan. 27	<p><i>The Gospel According to John, First John, and Lincoln, "Reading John"</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● John, (complete) ● 1 John, (complete) ● Lincoln, pp. 127-149
5. Feb. 3	<p>Anselm, <i>De veritate</i> and Anonymous. <i>Question on the Nature of Poetry</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anselm, pp. 151-174 ● Anonymous, pp. 307-313
6. Feb. 10	<p>Aquinas, "Disputed Questions de veritate Bk I, Qu. 1."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aquinas, pp. 3-51
Feb. 15-19	<p>Reading Week – no class</p>
7. Feb. 24	<p>Nicholas of Cusa, <i>Metaphysical Speculations</i> and Calvin, <i>Institutes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nicholas of Cusa, ● Calvin, Bk. I, Chap. I
8. Mar. 3	<p>Descartes, <i>Meditations</i> and Hume, <i>A Treatise of Human Nature</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Descartes, Meditation II and Meditation III ● Hume, Book 3.1.1
9. Mar. 10	<p>Vico, <i>On the Ancient Wisdom</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>On the Ancient Wisdom</i>, Book I, Intro and Parts 1-3
10. Mar. 17	<p>Kant, <i>Critique of Pure Reason</i> and <i>Prolegomena</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Critique</i>, pp. 17-37 ● <i>Prolegomena</i>, pp. 64-104
11. Mar. 24	<p>Schelling, <i>System of Transcendental Idealism</i> and <i>The Philosophy of Art</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>System of Transcendental Idealism</i>, pp. 1-4, 199-236 ● <i>Philosophy of Art</i>, pp. 23-32
12. Mar. 31	<p>Hegel, <i>Reason in History</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Complete Reason</i>
13. Apr. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wrap up