

Osher Lifelong Learning
Institute

Post-Kantian Philosophy

SYLLABUS

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The purpose of this course is to explore the ideas of the major philosophical movements after Kant. It is extremely difficult to put recent history in perspective, but I am trying to imaginatively look back half a millennium from now and ask myself how an OLLI SGL 500 years hence would view the period. I conjecture that such a person would see two particularly significant figures--Hegel and Wittgenstein,

CLASS SCHEDULE

Science

Week 1

Hegel, *Phenomenology* I A Pre-Classical World Hegel: 2 - 18

Week 2

Hegel, *Phenomenology* I B Classical and Medieval Europe Hegel: 19 - 38
Hegel, *Phenomenology* I C Modern Europe Hegel: 39 - 41

Ethics

Week 3

Hegel, *Phenomenology* II A Ancient World Hegel: 42 - 60

Week 4

Hegel, *Phenomenology* II B Medieval and Modern Europe Hegel: 61 - 86
Hegel, *Phenomenology* II C German World Hegel: 87 - 92

Religion

Week 5

Hegel, *Phenomenology* III Religion Hegel: 93 - 125

Week 6

Wittgenstein, *Tractatus* 1 - 3 Picture Theory Wittgenstein: 7 - 35

Week 7

Wittgenstein, *Tractatus* 4 - 5 Truth-Function Theory Wittgenstein: 35 - 119

Week 8

Wittgenstein, *Tractatus* 6 - 7 The Mystical Wittgenstein: 119 - 151

Week 9

Wittgenstein, *Blue Book* 1 - 73 Ordinary Language Wittgenstein: 1 - 20

Week 10

Wittgenstein, *Blue Book* 74 - 167 Critique of *Tractatus* Wittgenstein: 20 - 46
Wittgenstein, *Blue Book* 168 - 233 Solipsism Wittgenstein: 46 - 77

REQUIRED TEXTS

Wittgenstein, *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, trans. Pears & McGuness, 2nd ed., Routledge, 2001, 978-0415254083 (\$15.00).

HANDOUTS

Hegel, *Phenomenology of Mind (Essential Selections)*

Wittgenstein, *The Blue Book*