

## PHIL 209/329: Course Outline

### 2014 Lecture Schedule

Two-Hr Lecture on Mondays, 11am-1pm

plus One-Hr Tutorial

[attend only one of the 1-hr tutorial sessions per week]

Arthur Schopenhauer	1788-1860	(6 weeks)
Friedrich Nietzsche	1844-1900	(6 weeks)

### Part One: Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860)

#### I. Mon., Mar. 3 11am-1pm (1<sup>st</sup> meeting)

Topics:

- (1) Philosophical Background:
  - (a) John Locke: Ideas of Primary Qualities vs. Ideas of Secondary Qualities
  - (b) Immanuel Kant: The Subjectivity of Space and Time
- (2) Administrative Details for Class

Readings: *The World as Will and Representation, Volume I (WWR I)*, pp. xxii-xxviii, Sections 1-5

#### II. Mon., Mar. 10 11am-1pm (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting)

Topics:

- (1) Immanuel Kant: The Subjectivity of Space and Time (cont.)
- (2) Arthur Schopenhauer – Life (1788-1860)
- (3) Schopenhauer's Critique of Kant

Readings: *WWR I*, Sections 6-8, 11-12, 14-15

#### III. Mon., Mar. 17 11am-1pm (3<sup>rd</sup> meeting)

Topics:

- (1) The Fourfold Root of the Principle of Sufficient Reason
- (2) The World as Representation vs. The World as Will

Readings: *WWR I*, Sections 18-20, 22-25

#### IV. Mon., Mar. 24 11am-1pm (4<sup>th</sup> meeting)

Topic: The World as Representation vs. The World as Will (cont.)

Readings: *WWR I*, Sections 26-29

#### V. Mon. Mar. 31 11am-1pm (5<sup>th</sup> meeting)

Topic: Redemption (I): Art; Aesthetic Experience, Platonic Ideas and Artistic Genius

(Schopenhauer's Aesthetic Theory)

Readings: *WWR I*, Sections 30-40

**V. Mon., April 7 11am-1pm** (6<sup>th</sup> meeting)

Topics:

- (1) Redemption (II): Schopenhauer's Moral Theory
- (2) Redemption (III): Asceticism

Readings: *WWR I*, Sections 53-60, 68-71

**Mon. Apr. 14 – Mid-Semester Break – no class**

**Mon. Apr. 21 – Mid-Semester Break – no class**

## **Part Two: Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900)**

**VII. Mon., Apr. 28 11am-1pm** (7<sup>th</sup> meeting)

Topic: Nietzsche's Life; *The Birth of Tragedy*—Apollo and Dionysus

Readings: Coursebook sections on Nietzsche and Tragedy

Recommended: *Beyond Good and Evil*, Sections 294-6

**VIII. Mon., May 5 11am-1pm** (8<sup>th</sup> meeting)

Topic: The Death of God and Nihilism

Readings: Coursebook sections on the Death of God

Recommended: *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, Prologue and Book One

**IX. Mon., May 12 11am-1pm** (9<sup>th</sup> meeting)

Topic: Life-Affirmation and the Will to Power

Readings: Coursebook sections on Life-affirmation

Recommended: *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, Prologue and Book Two, or *Beyond Good and Evil*, "The Free Spirit," sections 24-44

**X. Mon., May 19 11am-1pm** (10<sup>th</sup> meeting)

Topic: The Superhuman (*Übermensch*), Master Morality, Slave Morality

Recommended: *Beyond Good and Evil*, "What is Noble" sections 257-96, *On the Genealogy of Morals*, First Essay, §§1-17

**XI. Mon., May 26 11am-1pm** (11<sup>th</sup> meeting) [Last Class]

Topic: *Amor Fati* [the love of fate] and Eternal Recurrence

Readings: Coursebook sections on Eternal Recurrence

Recommended: *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, Book Three

**FRIDAY, May 30, 3:00 pm: ALL COURSEWORK ESSAYS DUE**

**Mon. June 2 -- Queen's Birthday – no class**

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