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- ① *Quaternio terminorum* [fallacy of 'four terms': a conclusion contains the fourth term, where the premisses do three terms. E.g. major premiss 'all humans are mortal'; minor premiss 'Socrates is a human'; therefore, '**Plato** is mortal'.]
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- ③ *Reductio ad absurdum* ['reduction to an absurdity': *not fallacious* itself as a valid deduction, but it exposes a fallacy]
- ④ *Ignoratio elenchi* [fallacy of 'ignorance of refutation': an irrelevant conclusion from an inconsistent or fallacious premiss, however valid the argument may be. See the '**Summary**' section in the slides of last lecture]

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Film français par Philippe Collin (réalisé du livre de Thomas de Quincey, 1854)



Les derniers jours d'Emmanuel Kant (1993; Bilibili): 67 minutes

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- 1 Critically evaluate Berkeley's argument about occasional causes, compared with Malebranche's occasionalism.
- 2 Critically evaluate Berkeley's argument against one of the twelve objections in the *Principles*.
- 3 Critically evaluate Berkeley's argument about embodiment in the *Three Dialogues*.
- 4 Critically evaluate Berkeley's argument for mechanical causes as distinguished from metaphysical ones in *De motu*.
- 5 Critically evaluate Hume's argument about the uniformity of nature in his problem of induction (*Enquiry*, §4).
- 6 Critically evaluate Hume's argument that there is no idea of power or necessary connection (*Enquiry*, §7), along with Shepherd's response to that argument.
- 7 Critically evaluate Shepherd's argument for a necessary connection in the *Essay*, along with Hume's sceptical response to that argument.
- 8 Critically evaluate Reid's 'same shop' argument for trust in the senses.



Next Weeks 15 and 16: Presentations!

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Assignment 1: Prepare for your essay submission (via Turnitin)

- ① Essay (either Part 1 or Part 2 Question): Friday 24 May midnight (Week 14)
- ② **Presentation (a given Question): Tuesday 28 May or 4 June midnight (Week 15/16)**



Assignment 2: Read the 'Argument Advice' and 'Essay Questions' in PDF. And ask me or your assigned TA for anything unclear in the documents and slides.

- Keep active in the **WeCom/企业微信** group for this course, and pay attention to the **Blackboard** (SS149, Spring 2024), in which you can find all the basic info and recommended references.
- **Office hours** of the instructor (Center for Social Sciences, C111) and TAs (their offices) are Mondays 2-4pm, or any working time of appointment, by WeCom direct message or email.