**Causation and Related Topics**

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Tuesdays 2-4 (room to be announced)

1. **Introduction** Jan 31

2. **Lewis’s Counterfactual Theory** Feb 7

Lewis ‘Causation’ *Journal of Philosophy* 1973

Menzies ‘Counterfactual Theories of Causation’ *Stanford Encyclopedia*

3. **Counterfactual Asymmetry** Feb 14

Lewis ‘Counterfactual Dependence and Time’s Arrow’ *Nous* 1979

Schaffer ‘Counterfactuals, Causal Independence and Conceptual Circularity’ *Analysis* 2004

4. **Asymmetries in Time** Feb 21

Loewer ‘Counterfactuals and the Second Law’ in Price and Corry *Causation, Physics and the Constitution of Reality*

5. **Bayesian Networks and Causal Models** Feb 28

Hitchcock ‘Probabilistic Causation’ *Stanford Encyclopedia*

6. **Causal and Evidential Decision Theory** Mar 7

Papineau ‘Causation as a Guide to Life’ in my *The Roots of Reason*

7. **Agency Theories of Causation** Mar 14

Woodward ‘Causation and Manipulability’ *Stanford Encyclopedia*

8. **Process Theories** Mar 21

Dowe ‘Causal Processes’ *Stanford Encyclopedia*

9. **Dispositional Essentialism and Causal Powers** Mar 28

Bird *Nature’s Metaphysics*

10. **Explanation and Causation** Apr 4

Ruetlinger ‘Explanation Beyond Causation’ *Phil Compass* 2016

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11. **Correlations, then Causes, then Counterfactuals** Apr 18

Papineau ‘Metaphysics over Methodology’ in Galavotti et al *Stochastic Causality*

12. **Mental Causation** Apr 24

Menzies ‘Mental Causation in the Physical World’ Gibb and Ingthorsson eds *Mental Causation and Ontology*

13. **Downward Causation and Causal Closure** May 2

Ney ‘Microphysical Causation and the Case for Physicalism’ *Analytic Philosophy*, 2016.

14. **Huw Price on Causation** May 9

Price ‘Causation, Chance and the Rational Significance of Supernatural Evidence’ *Phil Review* 2012