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### 19th-Century Philosophy: HEGEL

Office hours: **M,W: 8:30-9:30 am** over Zoom. Also by appointment. (Use e-mail to make appointments.)

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Office hours: **Tu: 2:00-4:00 pm**, over Zoom.

Optional, informal group discussion sections for undergraduates will be held each week, beginning September 15, over Zoom on **Tu, 1:00-2:00 pm**, and **W, 12:00-1:00 pm**.

This course examines some major themes of Hegel's philosophy, with emphasis on his social and political thought. Topics include Hegel's critique of Kant, the possibility of metaphysics, the master-slave dialectic, and the role of freedom in Hegel's account of a rational society. Readings from Kant's Third Critique will help to explain how Hegel's project develops out of Kant's transcendental idealism. Some knowledge of Kant's moral theory and his *Critique of Pure Reason* is presupposed.  
Prerequisite: at least one of PHIL 2201, 2301, or 3251.

**-Zoom etiquette:** Please turn and leave your video on when attending class. Wear what you would wear if you were coming to class in person, at least from the waist up. (No pajamas, for example.) Microphones should remain muted unless you are contributing to the discussion.

**Required primary texts:** Ordered at Book Culture, W. 112th St.  
Hegel, G.W.F., *Phenomenology of Spirit*, T. Pinkard, trans. (Cambridge) (= PhG)  
[The translation by A. V. Miller (Oxford) is also worth consulting.]  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Elements of the Philosophy of Right*, H.B. Nisbet, trans. (Cambridge) (= PhR)  
[The translation by T. M. Knox (Oxford) is also worth consulting.]  
Kant, Immanuel, *Critique of Judgment*, W. S. Pluhar, trans. (Hackett) (= CJ)

#### Schedule of Lectures and Reading Assignments:

[Introductory reading: Forster, 17-42, 55-7, 61-78; Neuhouser (FTS), Chs. 1-2]

- Sept. 9** **Kant: Critique of Judgment**  
Second Introduction: CJ, 12-15, 18-26, 35-8 (Academy pagination, 5: 174-7, 179-86, 195-7)  
First Introduction: CJ, 391-4 (Academy pagination, 201'-205')
- 14 Natural purposes (*Naturzwecke*): CJ, §10, §§62-6  
[Kreines: "Inexplicability of Kant's *Naturzweck*"]
- 16 Nature as a system of ends: CJ, §§ 67-8, 74-6  
[Ginsborg: "Two Kinds of Mechanical Inexplicability"  
Guyer, "Organisms & the Unity of Science," *Kant's System of Nature and Freedom*]
- 21 Final end (*letzter Zweck*) of nature; Final end (*Endzweck*) of world: CJ, §§ 82-4, 87
- 23, 28 **Hegel: Phenomenology of Spirit**  
Philosophy as System & Idea of Spirit: Preface (PhG, ¶¶1-37, 67-72: especially ¶¶17-18)  
[Yovel, entire book]  
[Forster, 193-204, 103-10]  
[Pippin, "Naturalness & Mindedness"]  
[Neuhouser (FTS), Ch. 3]
- 30 & **Oct. 5** Aims of the *Phenomenology*: Introduction; PhG, ¶¶73-89  
[Forster, 110-31, 152-61, 164-7, 184-7, 226-35, 270-81]
- 7 Consciousness (Sense-Certainty): PhG, ¶¶90-110  
plus a commentary on the chapter "Consciousness" (e. g., Hyppolite, Pinkard)  
[Westphal, "Hegel's Internal Critique of Naive Realism" (Concentrate on §4.)]

- Oct.**  
 12, 14, 19 Self-Consciousness (Desire): *PhG*, ¶¶166-77, 195  
 [Butler, Ch. 1; See also Hyppolite, Kojève, and Pinkard]  
 [Neuhouser, "Desire, Recognition, & the Relation between Bondsman and Lord"]
- 21 **[No Lecture: Final Exams for Fall Block A courses]**
- 26, 28 &  
**Nov.** 4, 9 Self-Consciousness (Struggle unto Death & Lordship and Bondage): *PhG*, ¶¶178-97  
 [Gadamer, Ch. 3; See also Hyppolite, Kojève, and Pinkard]
- Summary of Stoicism, Skepticism, and the Unhappy Consciousness  
 (Read Taylor or Hyppolite on these sections.)  
 [Forster, 248-55]
- 1) Reason: Critique of "Idealism" and Kant's Moral Theory  
*PhG*, ¶¶231-5, 238-9, 429-37 (Also: *PhR*, §135)  
 [Forster, 326-32, 348-53; Patten, Ch. 3 (§§1-3); Wood, Ch. 9]
- 2) Spirit: the Concept of *Sittlichkeit* (Ethical Life); *PhG*, ¶¶347-59, 438-41, 447  
Also: Absolute Knowing: Transition to the System Proper; *PhG*, ¶¶788, 792-8, 804-8
- Hegel: *Philosophy of Right***
- 11 The Aim of Political Philosophy: Preface; *PhR*, 9-23  
 [Neuhouser (HST), 1-16; Hardimon, Ch. 4]
- 16,18 Will as the Foundation of Practical Philosophy: Introduction; *PhR*, §§1-33  
 [Neuhouser (HST), 17-35; Patten, Ch. 2; Wood, Ch. 3]
- 23 Abstract Right I: Property; *PhR*, §§34-51  
 [Patten, Ch. 5; Wood, Ch. 5]
- 30 Abstract Right II: Contract, Wrong, and Transition to Morality; *PhR*, §§71-5, 81-2, 90-104  
 [Patten, 177-83]
- Dec.** 2 Morality (summary) and Transition to *Sittlichkeit* (Ethical Life);  
*PhR*, §§105-14, 129-38 (especially 136-8), 141  
 [Foster, 72-98; Patten, 184-6]
- 7 *Sittlichkeit*: The Concept of Ethical Life; *PhR*, §§142-57  
 [Neuhouser (HST), 35-54, 82-174; Patten, Chs. 1, 3 (§§4-5), 4 (§§3-4)]
- 9 *Sittlichkeit*: The Family; *PhR*, §§158-81  
 [Neuhouser (HST), 98-99, 135-6, 142-4, 149-57, 169-70, 276-7]
- 14 *Sittlichkeit*: Civil Society; *PhR*, §§182-208, 230-56; skim §§209-29  
 [Neuhouser (HST), 135-7, 157-65, 170-74; Patten, Ch. 6 (§§1-2); Wood, 247-55]
- Sittlichkeit*: The State; *PhR*, §§257-71;  
 [Neuhouser (HST), 137-140, 208-24; Patten, Ch. 6 (§§3-5)]  
 (§§272-329 lay out the details of Hegel's conception of constitutional monarchy. Since this won't be covered in lecture, you ought to read it on your own.)

### **Course requirements:**

- Attendance of all lectures
- Two papers:
  - i) 6-7 pages, due Thursday, October 15, 5:00 p.m.
  - ii) 8-10 pages, due Sunday, December 13, 5:00 p.m.
- One take-home midterm, due Thursday, October 26, 10:10 a.m. (handed out October 19)
- One final exam, Wednesday, December 23, 9:00 a.m.-noon

**[Please note: the final will be given at this time only. Plan your end-of-year travel accordingly.]**

**A passing grade on each paper and exam is required to pass the course.**

**Final grades** will be determined as follows:

25% First Paper	25% Second Paper
17% Midterm	33% Final Exam

-**A note on grades:** I use the full range of the grading scale. B's are reserved for good work; merely satisfactory work receives a C. Since A designates excellence, it's unlikely that, say, 40% of the class will receive a final grade of A. On the other hand, if half the class does excellent work, half the class will receive an A.

-**E-mail:** You may contact me by e-mail when you have a question that can be answered briefly (e.g., to set up an appointment). When you have philosophical questions, please come to my office hours or make an appointment.

-The penalty for **plagiarism** will be failure of the course in all cases. If you are in any doubt as to what constitutes the illegitimate use of another person's work, don't hesitate to consult me.

-In order to receive **disability-related accommodations**, students must be registered with their school Disability Services (DS) office. Information is available online for Columbia and Barnard registration processes. Refer to the appropriate website for information regarding deadlines, documentation requirements, and drop-in hours (Columbia)/intake session(Barnard).

Students registered with the Columbia DS office can refer to the Master TARF section of the DS Testing Accommodations page for more information regarding disability-related accommodations.

**Recommended secondary texts (on reserve in Butler Library unless otherwise noted):**

**Fichte background**

§\*Neuhouser, Frederick, *Fichte's Theory of Subjectivity* (Cambridge), chapters 1-3 (= FTS)

**Kant (Critique of Judgment)**

Ginsborg, Hannah, "Two Kinds of Mechanical Inexplicability in Kant & Aristotle," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 42.1 (2004) (<http://philosophy.berkeley.edu/people/page/23>)

Guyer, Paul, *Kant's System of Nature and Freedom* (Oxford) (E-book in CU library)

Kreines, James, "The Inexplicability of Kant's *Naturzweck*," *Archiv für Geschichte der Phil.* 87:3 '05

**Hegel (General)**

§Taylor, Charles, *Hegel* (Cambridge)

\*Beiser, F. C., ed., *Cambr. Companion to H. & 19th C. Phil.* (Cambr.), 2nd ed. (2008) (E-book in CU library)

\*Beiser, F. C., ed., *Cambridge Companion to Hegel* (Cambridge), 1st ed. (2008) (E-book in CU library)

\*Bowman, Brady, *Hegel & the Metaphysics of Abs. Negativity* (Cambridge), chs 1-3 (E-book in CU library)

\*Inwood, Michael, *A Hegel Dictionary* (Cambridge) (E-book in CU library)

\*Plant, Raymond, *Hegel: An Introduction* (Oxford)

**Hegel (Phenomenology of Spirit)**

\*Bristow, Wm., *Hegel and the Transformation of Philosophical Critique* (Oxford) (E-book in CU library)

Butler, Judith, *Subjects of Desire: Hegelian Reflections in Twentieth-Century France* (Columbia)

§\*Forster, Michael N., *Hegel's Idea of a 'Phenomenology of Spirit'* (Chicago)

\*Gadamer, Hans-Georg, *Hegel's Dialectic* (Yale)

\*Hyppolite, Jean, *Genesis and Structure of Hegel's 'Phenomenology'* (Northwestern)

Kojève, Alexandre, *Introduction to the Reading of Hegel* (Cornell)

\*Neuhouser, Frederick, "Desire, Recognition, and the Relation between Bondsman and Lord," in Kenneth Westphal, ed., *Hegel's 'Phenomenology of Spirit'* (Blackwell, 2008)

§Pinkard, Terry, *Hegel's Phenomenology* (Cambridge)

Pippin, Robert B., *Hegel on Self-Consciousness: Desire and Death in Hegel's Phenomenology* (Cambridge)

Pippin, Robert, "Naturalness & Mindedness: Hegel's Compatibilism," in *Hegel's Practical Phil.* (Cambr.)

\*Wartenberg, Thom., "Hegel's Idealism: The Language of Conceptuality," in *Cambr. Companion*, 1st ed.

Westphal, K., "Hegel's Internal Critique of Naïve Realism," *Journ. of Phil. Research* 25(2000), 173-228

§\*Yovel, Yirmiyahu, *Hegel's Preface to the 'Phenomenology of Spirit'* (Princeton)

**Hegel (Philosophy of Right)**

§Hardimon, Michael, *Hegel's Social Philosophy: The Project of Reconciliation* (Cambridge)

\*Neuhouser, F., *Foundations of Hegel's Social Theory* (Harvard) (E-book in CU library) (= HST)

\*\_\_\_\_\_, "Hegel's Social Philosophy," in *The Cambridge Companion to Hegel & 19th Century Phil.*, 2nd ed.

\*\_\_\_\_\_, "The Method of the *Philosophy of Right*," in *Hegel's Elements of the Philosophy of Right*, ed. David James (Cambridge), 16-36 (E-book in CU library)

\*Patten, Alan, *Hegel's Idea of Freedom* (Oxford) (E-book in CU library)

\*Taylor, Charles, *Hegel and Modern Society* (Cambridge) (E-book in CU library)

§\*Wood, Allen, *Hegel's Ethical Thought* (Cambridge)

\*Highly recommended

§Cannot be placed on reserve this semester for reasons of the pandemic