

Intersubjectivity in Moral Psychology

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Course Description

In this tutorial we will explore the topic of interpersonal self-consciousness, the awareness of oneself as figuring in some way in the consciousness of another, and its relevance to ethical life and wellbeing. Each week, one student will write an essay of around 1000 on one of the required texts which will form the basis of our discussion in the tutorial. All readings are available on Moodle.

Assessment

Participation (10%)
Presentation (15%)
3000 Word Essay (75%)

Readings

Part I: General Themes

Week 1: Rousseau

Main Reading

- Discourse on the Origin and Foundations of Inequality Among Men or Second Discourse (Esp. Part II) in Rousseau, *The Discourses and other early political writings*

Further Reading

- Dent, *Rousseau*: Routledge
- Gauthier, *Rousseau: The Sentiment of Existence*
- Kolodny, 'The explanation of amour-propre', in *Philosophical Review* 119 (2)
- Neuhouser, *Rousseau's Theodicy of Self-Love*: Oxford University Press
- Starobinski: *Rousseau: Transparency and Obstruction*

Week 2: Themes in the Philosophy of Mind and Ethics

Main Reading

- Peacocke (2014), *The Mirror of the World*: Chapter 10 - 'Interpersonal Self-Consciousness'
- A.J. Julius (2016) 'Mutual Recognition', *Jurisprudence*, 7:2, 193-209

Part II: Self-Conscious Emotion

Week 3: Ordinary Self-Consciousness and Embarrassment

Main Reading

- O'Brien, L. (2011) 'Ordinary Self-Consciousness', In Liu and Perry (eds) *Consciousness and the Self: New Essays*. CUP.
- M. Lewis, (1995) 'Embarrassment: The Emotion of Self-Exposure and Self-Evaluation' in J.P. Tangney, J.P. and Fischer, K.W. (eds.) *Self-conscious Emotions*:

the Psychology of Shame, Guilt, Embarrassment and Pride. (pp.192-218) New York: Guildford Press.

Further Reading

- Erving Goffman (1956), 'Embarrassment and Social Organization', *American Journal of Sociology*, Vol 62, 3. 264-271
- Purshouse (2001), *Embarrassment: A Philosophical Analysis*, in *Philosophy* Vol 76, No. 298.
- Morgan and O'Brien (2016) , 'Getting Out of Your Head: Addiction and the Motive of Self-Escape', in *Mind and Language* 31 (3), 314-334

Week 4: Shame and Evaluation

Main Reading

- Bernard Williams, *Shame and Necessity*, Chapter 4
- Gabriel Taylor, *Pride, Shame and Guilt*, Chapter 3

Further Reading

- Christopher C. Raymond 'Shame and Virtue in Aristotle', *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, 53
- Deigh, J. 'Shame and Self-Esteem: A Critique' *Ethics*, 93 (1983), 225-45
- Maibom, H. 'The Descent of Shame' *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 80 (2010), 566-94)
- Nathaniel Hawthorne, *The Scarlet Letter*, various editions.

Week 5: Shame, Exposure and the Other

Main Reading

- Calhoun (2004), 'An Apology for Moral Shame',
- Velleman (2001), 'The Genesis of Shame', in *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 30

Further Reading

- Genesis: 1:1-3
- Maibom (2010), 'The Descent of Shame', in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 80 (3)
- Sartre, *Being and Nothingness*, Part III, Chapter 1, Section IV, 'The Look'.
- Thomasson (2015), 'Shame, Violence, and Morality' in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 91 (1).
- Zahavi, D. 'Shame and the Exposed Self', in J.Webber (ed.) *Reading Sartre: On Phenomenology and Existentialism*

Week 6: Humiliation

Main Reading

- Avishai Margalit, 'The Decent Society, Part I: 'Humiliation', Part III 'The Paradox of Humiliation'
- Colin Bird, 'Self-Respect and the Respect of Others', *European Journal of Philosophy*.

Further Reading:

- Miller: *Humiliation and Other Essays on Honor, Social Discomfort and Violence*
- Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man*, Prologue
- Honneth, A. 'Invisibility: On The Epistemology of Recognition' *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, Supplementary Volumes, Vol 75, (2001) p. 111-139)
- Ulrike Carlsson 'Tragedy and Resentment', *Mind* Volume 127, Issue 508, 1 October 2018, Pages 1169–1191,
- Axel Honneth 'Invisibility: On The Epistemology of Recognition' *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, Supplementary Volumes, Vol 75, (2001) p. 111-139)
- Dostoyevsky, *Notes from the Underground*, various editions.

Part III: Relationships

Week 7: Friendship

Main Reading

- Aristotle: *Eudemian Ethics*, Book VII and *Nicomachean Ethics* VII-IX (available in Barnes (ed.) *Aristotle: Complete Works* Vol.2)

Further Reading

- Cooper, 'Aristotle on Friendship' in Amelie O. Rorty (ed.) *Essays on Aristotle's Ethics*, 301-4
- Cooper, J. "Friendship and the Good in Aristotle" *The Philosophical Review*, 1977,
- Kosman, 'Aristotle on the Forms of Friendship', in *Virtues of Thought*, 2014
- Sorabji, 'KnowingSelfThroughOther:Aristotle', in *Self: Ancient and Modern Insights about Individuality, Life, and Death*, p. 233-9
- Sherman, N. (1987) 'Aristotle on the Shared Life', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Vol 47, No. 4, 589-619
- McCabe, M.M. "'With Mirrors or Without?' The Eudemian Ethics on the voluntary, friendship and luck in *The Sixth S.V. Keeling Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*. ed. Fiona Leigh. Brill, 2012. p. 43-75.

Week 8: Love

Main Reading

- Kolodny (2003), 'Love as Valuing a Relationship' in *Philosophical Review* 112 (2)

Additional Reading

- Jollimore, *Love's Vision*.
- May, *Love: A History*
- Simone de Beauvoir, 'The Woman in Love', from *The Second Sex*
- Sartre, 'Concrete Relations with Others', *Being and Nothingness* Part III Ch.3
- Velleman (1999) 'Love as a Moral Emotion', in *Ethics* 109 (2)

Week 9: Grief

Main Reading

- Marusic (2018) 'Do Reasons Expire?', in *Philosopher's Imprint*, 18

Additional Reading

- Freud, 'Mourning and Melancholia'
- Freud, 'On Transience'
- Higgins, 'Love and Death'
- Wilkinson, 'Is 'normal grief' a mental disorder?'
- Ratcliffe (2017) Grief and the Unity of Emotion, *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 41 (1)
- Ratcliffe (2018) 'The Phenomenological Clarification of Grief and its Relevance for Psychiatry', in *The Oxford Handbook of Phenomenological Psychopathology*.

Week 10: Essay Workshop

- Each student will deliver a 15-20 minute presentation on their final paper. This will make up (15%) of your final grade.