PHIL 2302

西方哲學原典導讀:笛卡兒的《第一哲學沉思》

Guided Studies in Western Philosophical Classics: Descartes' Meditations on First Philosophy

1. 科目內容 Course description

本科旨在以小組討論形式,指導學生仔細研讀笛卡兒的《第一哲學沉思》,解決學生在閱讀該名著中所引起的疑難,以及討論相關的哲學問題。所有同學必須於上課前閱讀指定章節,並積極參與堂上討論。

This course aims at guiding students through the detailed study of Descartes' *Meditations on First Philosophy*. Special attention will be paid to the difficulties encountered by students in the understanding and interpretation of the text. All students are required to read the assigned text before the class, and participate actively in class discussion.

2. 內容、重點基本概念 Content, highlighting fundamental concepts

現代哲學:笛卡兒、懷疑、我思、心、物。

Modern philosophy: Descartes, doubt, cogito, mind, body.

3. 學習目標 Learning outcomes

透過堂上報告及討論,同學能理解《第一哲學沉思》的主要思想及概念。從期末論文的寫作中,同學能展示分析哲學問題的能力,並且批判地爲自己的論點辯護。

Through class presentation and discussions, students will be expected to understand the main ideas and concepts of *Meditations on First Philosophy*. In their term papers, students should demonstrate the ability to analyse a philosophical problem and to defend their own thesis critically.

4. 評核方法 Assessment scheme

堂上報告 Class presentation: 25% 論文大綱 Essay outline: 10% 堂上討論 Class discussion: 25% 期末論文 Final essay: 40%*
*學術著作誠信指引 Honesty in academic works: http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty

5. 學習資源 Learning resources

Cottingham, John G. (ed.)

1992 The Cambridge Companion to Descartes. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Descartes, René

1985 Philosophical Writings of Descartes. Vols. I and II. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

1996 *Meditations on First Philosophy: with Selections from the Objections and Replies.* Trans. John Cottingham. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.*

Husserl, Edmund

1966 Cartesian Meditations; an Introduction to Phenomenology. The Hague: M. Nijhoff.

Williams, Bernard

1978 Descartes: The Project of Pure Inquiry. London: Penguin.

* 指定閱讀 Required reading

6. 講師資料 Teacher's contact details

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