

PHI 5360 Seminar on Contemporary Philosophy: Heidegger's *Being and Time*

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Martin Heidegger's *Sein und Zeit* 1927 (Being and Time) is one of the most important philosophical treatises in the 20th century. This course aims at an introduction to Heidegger's early formulation of the *Seinsfrage* (Question of Being) through a detailed study of selected chapters of this book. The Marburg Lectures and the some of the earlier essays before the writing of *Being and Time* will also be the texts of this course.

S.J. McGrath:

“If in this book I take the trouble to point out something essentially wrong with Heidegger's philosophy, it is only because there is so much that is right about it. Heidegger's phenomenological ontology was, in my view, the most vital philosophical development of the early twentieth century, an upsurge of philosophical *eros* in an era of bland positivism and dreary, inhuman reductionism. Heidegger set the tone for the way of proceeding with philosophy in the wake of the collapse of the great modern systems and the conquest of the natural scientific reduction of the human being. His critique of calculative thinking touched the nerve of modernity's obsessive-compulsive relationship with techno-science. His elucidation of the difference between the being of the human being (Dasein) and the being of everything else, perhaps his most lasting contribution, showed us, for the first time, how the tradition from Aristotle through Hegel defined the human being in terms borrowed from other beings: as a substance, or in its more modern variation, a subject – in both cases something with objectifiable properties. Heidegger was the first to point out that the existing individual has no properties because, unlike physical objects, it never exists as merely present and available for categorical dissection.”

Heidegger, a (very) critical introduction. 2008. p. 1.

In this semester, it is hoped that Division One of Part One of *Being and Time* will be thoroughly discussed.

Course Outline:

1. Introduction: “Why is there anything at all rather than nothing?”
“The Concept of Time” (1924)
2. The Question of “Being” “and” “Time”: § 1- 4
3. Phenomenology: § 7
4. Analytic of Dasein: § 9- 11
5. Being-in-the-world: § 12-13
6. The World and the Worldhood: § 14-18
7. The They: § 25-27
8. Being-in:
 - a) State-of-mind: § 29-30
 - b) Understanding: §31-33

- c) Discourse: § 34
- 9. The Being of Dasein: Care: § 39-41
- 10. Disclosedness and Truth: § 44
- 11. Being-toward-Death § 46-53

Texts:

Martin Heidegger' Works

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Being and Time.

- 1) Trans. John Macquarrie and Edward Robinson. New York: Harper and Row, 1962.
- 2) Trans. Joan Stambaugh. Albany, N.Y.: SUNY, 1996.
- 3) 《存在與時間》陳嘉映，王慶節合譯，北京：三聯書店，1987，2000（修訂版）

Supplements: From the Earliest Essays to Being and Time and Beyond. Ed. John van Buren. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2002

The Concept of Time. Trans. William McNeil. Oxford: Blackwell, 1992.

Ontology – The Hermeneutics of Facticity. Trans. John van Buren. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1999.

Commentary:

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Kockelmans, Joseph. *Heidegger's "Being and Time"*. Washington, D.C.: University Press of America, 1989.

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Sempera, Richard. *Rephrasing Heidegger*. Ottawa: The University of Ottawa Press, 2007

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Tutorial articles to be decided