

## **PHIL3662 Topics in Anglo-American Philosophy: Language and World\***

### **Prerequisites**

It is recommended students take 'Introduction to Philosophy' and 'Logic' before taking the course.

### **Course Description**

How does language hook onto the world? When we say a string of marks means something, what are we saying about it? Does the truth-condition of a sentence exhaust its meaning? Does language 'shape' thought?

This course covers selected topics in 20<sup>th</sup> philosophy of language in Anglo-American philosophy, with particular concentration on meaning and reference; other topics include speech acts, Implicature, context sensitivity, translation, and linguistic relativity.

### **Calendar (TBA)**

### **Assessment**

- Tutorials (small group or class, depending on the availability of TAs)
- Two essays
- Quizzes

### **Textbooks**

- Robert M. Martin, *The Meaning of Language*, MIT Press, 1987
- William G. Lycan, *Philosophy of Language: A Contemporary Introduction*, Routledge 2008.
- P. Martinich (ed.), *The Philosophy of Language*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Oxford University Press, 2006.
- Scott Soames, *Philosophy of Language*, Princeton University Press, 2012.

\*This is a tentative syllabus to facilitate course selection in summer. A more detailed version will be posted in due course.