PHIL5090: Seminar on Western Philosophy

(Subtitle: Reductionism in the Philosophy of Mind)

Course Outline (Preliminary)

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Course overview

This seminar will discuss several issues regarding the debate between reductionism and anti-reductionism in the philosophy of mind, such as type identity, multiple realization, and downward causation.

Assessment scheme

Task nature	Weight
Presentation	20%
Discussion	20%
Term Paper	60%

Required readings

Gozzano, S. and Hill, C. (eds.) 2012. <u>New Perspectives on Type Identity: The Mental and the Physical</u>, Cambridge University Press.

Paoletti, M. P. and Orilia, F. (eds.) 2017. <u>Philosophical and Scientific Perspectives on Downward Causation</u>, Routledge Press.

Other selected readings