

PHIL5090: Seminar on Western Philosophy

(Subtitle: *The Metaphysics of Causation*)

Course Outline

Time: Tuesday, 14:30-17:15pm

Location: ELB 205

Course schedule

Week	Content	Readings
1	Introduction	
2	Discussion	Lewis, "Causation"
3	Discussion	Lewis, "Causation as Influence"
4	Discussion	Williamson, "Mechanistic Theories of Causality"
5	Discussion	Ney, "Physical Causation and Difference-Making"
6	Discussion	Hall, "Two Concepts of Causation"
7	Discussion	Beebe, "Causing and Nothingness"
8	Discussion	Schaffer, "Overdetermining Causes"
9	Discussion	Strevens, "Mackie Remixed"
10	Discussion	Hitchcock, "The Intransitivity of Causation Revealed in Equations and Graphs"
11	Discussion	Paul, "Aspect Causation"
12	Discussion	Horgan, "Mental Causation"
13	Discussion	Zhong, "Intervention, Fixation, and Supervenient Causation"
14	Wrap-up	

Assessment scheme

Task nature	Weight
Discussion	20%
Presentation	30%
Term Paper (4,500 words in English or 8,000 words in Chinese)	50%

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