

The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Department of Philosophy
2024-25 Term 1

PHIL5180/ PHIL7180
Special Seminar on Selected Philosophical Issues

Course Outline

Teacher: Prof. Paul Guyer

Schedule & Venue:

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| 1. | 4 October 2024 (Fri) 14:30 – 17:15 | Li Dak Sum Building 218 (LDS_218) |
| 2. | 10 October 2024 (Thu) 18:30 – 21:15 | Lee Shau Kee Building 202 (LSK_202) |
| 3. | 18 October 2024 (Fri) 14:30 – 17:15 | Li Dak Sum Building 218 (LDS_218) |
| 4. | 25 October 2024 (Fri) 14:30 – 17:15 | Li Dak Sum Building 218 (LDS_218) |

Texts:

Required:

Kant, *Practical Philosophy*, ed., Mary J. Gregor (Cambridge UP) (or other versions of Kant's *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals* and *Critique of Practical Reason*)

Michael Walschots, editor, *Kant's Critique of Practical Reason: Background Source Materials* (Cambridge UP)

Recommended:

Paul Guyer, *Kant's Impact on Moral Philosophy* (Oxford UP)

1st session (4 October 2024)

Required Reading:

Kant, *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*

In Walschots: Tittel, "Herr Kant's Reform"; Pistorius, reviews of Schultz and *Groundwork* (chs. 4-6)

Recommended Reading:

Guyer, *Kant's Impact*, chapter 4, sections 1-3

2nd session (10 October 2024)

Required Reading:

Kant, *Critique of Practical Reason*, "Analytic of Practical Reason," chs. I-II (5:3-71)

In Walschots, Wizenmann, "To Herr Professor Kant" (ch. 7)

Recommended Reading:

Guyer, *Kant's Impact*, ch 4. Section4

3rd session (18 October 2024)

Required reading:

Kant, *Critique of Practical Reason*, “Analytic,” ch. III and “Critical Elucidation” (5:72-106)
In Walschots, Rehberg, Review of *Critique of Practical Reason* (ch. 9)

Recommended readings:

Guyer, *Kant's Impact*, ch. 5

4th session (25 October 2024)

Required reading:

Kant, *Critique of Practical Reason*, “Dialectic of Pure Practical Reason” (5:107-63)
In Walschots, Pistorius, Review of *Critique of Practical Reason* (ch. 11)

Recommended readings:

Guyer, *Kant's Impact*, ch. 6

Requirements:

The work for the course shall consist of the reading, participation in classroom discussion, and submission of a final paper, to be written (i) in response to instructor's prompts, (ii) after discussion of topic with instructor, and (iii) without use of AI.

Grade Descriptors:

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Use of generative AI tools

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