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 20th 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


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