

Course Outline

Part 1 - Phenomenology for the 21st Century

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A. Phenomenology Beyond the Preliminary: Investigations Before the Ordinary

Why phenomenology was not, and could not have been finished when Husserl died; why and how it all has to be redone and how it makes such a big difference.

Recommended reading:

– Ronald Bruzina, *Edmund Husserl and Eugen Fink: Beginnings and Ends in Phenomenology, 1938-1938*, New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2004:

Chapter 1: “Contextual Narrative: The Freiburg Phenomenology Workshop, 1925-1938,” pp. 1-72

Chapter 2: “Orientations I: Phenomenology beyond the Preliminary,” pp. 73-127

If any one of several other chapters could be read, the treatments offered by the lectures in the seminar would be understood more fully: e.g., Chapters 4, 5, or 6, on world, time, and life respectively.

B. Phenomenology—the Integrality of Life and Mind: The Nature of Human Being

Outline and stages of work for overcoming the division and opposition between “nature, *natura, Fuvsiç*” and “mind (spirit, *Geist, esprit*)”

How and why Husserl (and Heidegger) did not develop a philosophy of living nature, and how a phenomenology of living nature can begin, using elements they offer: Husserl’s *Ideas II* and Heidegger’s lectures before *Being and Time*

Recommended reading:

– Ronald Bruzina, “Phenomenology in a New Century, What Still Needs To Be Done,” paper delivered in Krakow, August 2008 (to be published in *Analecta Husserliana*, date not yet known; copy available from Prof. Cheung)

– Edmund Husserl, *Ideas Pertaining to a Pure Phenomenology and to a Phenomenological Philosophy*, trans. by Richard Rojcewicz and André Schuwer, Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1989:

Section I, “The constitution of material nature”

Chapters 1-3 (pp. 3-95)

Section II, “The constitution of animal nature”

Introduction (pp. 96-102), and Chapters 2 et 3 (pp. 128-169)

Section III, “The constitution of the spiritual world”

Introduction (pp. 181-182) and §49-§51 from Chapter 1 (pp. 183-211) and §54-§56 (pp. 223-259) and §59-§61 (pp. 266-293) from Chapter 2, and Chapter 3 (pp. 295-316)

(The amount of reading listed here is perhaps too much to attempt, but it would help if at least Section I and Chapter 3 from Section III were read.)

C. Phenomenology—Going “Deep”: The Analysis of All-Embracing Temporality

The analysis of time begun by Husserl, and never completed: stages, limits, findings

The revision of the analysis of nature undertaken by Fink, and the principles of its validity as a radicalization of Husserl’s achievements

Implications for the understanding of “nature” and “mind”

Recommended reading:

– Edmund Husserl, *On the Phenomenology of the Consciousness of Internal Time (1893-1917)* (*Husserliana: Edmund Husserl Collected Works*), trans. by John Barnett Brough, Dordrecht: Springer Verlag, 2008:

§1-§16, pp. 3-41, and §35-§39, pp. 77-87

(Here is where the reading of Chapter 5, on “time,” in Bruzina, *Edmund Husserl and Eugen Fink*, would be helpful

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D. Phenomenology—Going “Out”: The Constitutive Analysis of World, the All-Encompassing

How the constitution of the world is radically transformed when the analysis of time and temporality is itself taken to its farthest point of penetration

How nature and spirit, as living in the world, must be reconsidered in the dichotomy that is presupposed for them

Recommended reading:

– Edmund Husserl, *The Crisis of the European Sciences and Transcendental Phenomenology*, trans. by David Carr, Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 1970:

Part I, §5 (pp. 11-14, if not the whole of this introduction), Part II, §8-§14 (pp. 21-69)

– Eugen Fink, “The Phenomenological Philosophy of Edmund Husserl and Contemporary Criticism,” in R.O.Elveton, ed., *the Phenomenology of Husserl: Selected Critical Readings* (Chicago: Quadrangle Books, 1970; or reprinted Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2003), pp. 73-147.

– Eugen Fink, *Sixth Cartesian Meditation: The Idea of a Transcendental Theory of Method, with textual notations by Edmund Husserl*, trans. by Ronald Bruzina, (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1995): at least reading §5 (pp. 29-48), §7 (pp. 54-66), and §11 (pp. 110-152) would give a good idea of the critical issues here; additionally §8, §9, and §10 (pp. 66-100), or any portion of this, would fill things out even better.)

(Here is where the reading of Chapter 4, on “world,” in Bruzina, *Edmund Husserl and Eugen Fink*, would be helpful.)

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