History of Modern Philosophy

Descartes, Locke, Hume, Kant

University of Pittsburgh, Spring term 2006
PHIL 0210, Monday & Wednesday 1:00-1:50 PM. 4/1/2006-21/4/2006

Wed 01/04 First lecture. Why history of philosophy?
Mon 01/09 René Descartes. First Meditation: radical doubt
Wed 01/11 Second Meditation: the cogito
Wed 01/18 Third Meditation: the existence of god
Mon 01/23 Fourth Meditation: truth and error
Wed 01/25 Fifth Meditation: mathematical physics
Mon 01/30 Sixth Meditation: physiology, mind and body
Wed 02/01 Principia Philosophiae I,28-54: substance and causation
Mon 02/06 John Locke. Introduction to the Essay Concerning Human Understanding
Wed 02/08 Book I: no innate principles
Mon 02/13 II,i: ideas in general
Wed 02/15 II,ii: simple ideas; II,viii: primary & secondary qualities
Mon 02/20 II,xii: complex ideas
Wed 02/22 II,xxiii-iv: substance
Mon 02/27 II,xxxvi: cause and effect.

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questions for final paper issued

Wed 03/01 David Hume. Treatise of Human Nature I.i: ideas
Mon 03/13 I.ii: space and time
Wed 03/15 I.iii: knowledge and probability
Mon 03/13 I.iv: sceptical philosophy; personal identity
Wed 03/15 Immanuel Kant. Prolegomena, Introduction
Mon 03/27 _1-5: analytic vs. synthetic
Wed 03/29 _6-13: how mathematics is possible
Mon 04/03 _14-20: how science of nature is possible
Wed 04/05 _21-26: category tables
Mon 04/03 _27-35: Kant about Hume
Wed 04/10 Critique of Pure Reason, First Analogy: substance
Mon 04/17 Critique of Judgment _61-68: teleology

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final paper due

Wed 04/19 ...