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If you have anything you would like to talk about, the best thing to do is come to my office hours. You don’t need an appointment.

Logistics
Lectures start in Week One. Seminars run from Week Two, and the topic is the same as the previous week’s lecture. Reading should be before the seminar (that is to say, the reading for week 1’s lecture should be done in advance of the seminar in week 2).

During the lecture you will work in groups to come up with questions to discuss during the seminar. If you have one, it would be helpful to bring your laptop, smart phone, ipad and so on. If you don’t have one – don’t worry. You only need one per small group. If there are any problems with this, please come see me and have a chat.

Trigger Warnings
There aren’t trigger warnings on the readings, because I can’t know what might be particularly difficult to talk about for each of you, depending as it does upon your individual experiences. If you have questions or concerns about a particular topic, or if there is something that would be particularly upsetting for you to talk or read about, please let me know and I will do my best to give advance warnings. If there is an issue that would be so upsetting to talk about that you feel you can’t attend a particular session please let me know as soon as you can.

Accessibility
I am committed to making class as accessible as possible. If there is a particular accommodation that you need, please let me know.

Assessment
Assessment is via
*Mid-term essay of 1,500 due 24th October (draft due 22nd Oct for peer review). Worth 40%.
*End-of-semester essay 2, 500 due 12th December. Worth 60%.

You are required to bring a printed draft of your mid term essay to the lecture on the 22nd October, where we will spend time in class working on your draft.

Titles will be released on Learn.
Schedule

**Week One: Introduction, Sense and Reference**
Lecture = 17\textsuperscript{th} Sep
Covering:
- What is philosophy of language
- What is sense? Is it different to reference?
- Salva veritate and cognitive value

Essential Reading for the seminar (runs a week later)
Gottlob Frege, “On Sense and Reference”
https://philpapers.org/rec/FREOSA-2

**Week Two: Acquaintance and Description**
Lecture = 24\textsuperscript{th} Sep
Covering:
- Propositions as the referents of sentences
- The problem of complex singular terms
- The theory of descriptions

Essential Reading for the seminar (runs a week later)
Bertrand Russell, “Knowledge by Acquaintance and Knowledge by Description”
https://philpapers.org/rec/RUSKBA-4

**Week Three: Theories of reference**
Lecture = 1\textsuperscript{st} October
Covering:
- Theories of reference fixing: Kripke and Evans
- Attributive and referential uses of descriptions

Essential Reading for the seminar (runs a week later)
Saul Kripke, “Speaker’s Reference and Semantic Reference”
https://philpapers.org/rec/KRISRA-2

**Week Four: Minimal Content**
Lecture = 8\textsuperscript{th} October
Covering:
- Shared content accounts
- Speech act accounts
- Modular accounts
Week Five: Analytic/Synthetic Distinction
Lecture = 15th October
Covering:
- What the analytic/synthetic distinction is
- Arguments for and against

Week Six: Harms of Speech and Peer Review Session
Lecture = 22nd Oct
Remember to bring a printed draft of your mid term to this lecture!
Covering
- Harms of speaking
- Rules which should govern our speech

Week Seven: Singular and Descriptive Thought
Lecture = 29th Oct
Covering:
- Singular -v- descriptive distinction
- Acquaintance theories
- Other theories – Jeshion and Sawyer

Week Eight: Pragmatics
Lecture = 5th Nov
Covering
- Semantic/pragmatic distinction
- Implicature
- Gricean Rules
Essential Reading for the seminar (runs a week later)

H. Paul Grice
“Meaning”
https://philpapers.org/rec/GRIM

Week Nine: Slurs
Lecture = 12th Nov
Covering
  • Communication and purpose
  • Tone and meaning
  • What is a slur

Essential Reading for the seminar (runs a week later)
Luvell Anderson & Ernie Lepore, “Slurring Words”
https://philpapers.org/rec/ANDSW

Week Ten: Silencing
Lecture = 19th Nov
Covering
  • Uptake
  • Linguistic exchange
  • Silencing

Essential Reading for the seminar (runs a week later)
Kristie Dotson, “Tracking Epistemic Violence, Tracking Practices of Silencing”
https://philpapers.org/rec/DOTTEV

Week Eleven: Lying, Misleading and Asserting
Lecture = 26th Nov
Covering:
  • What is lying?
  • Misleading
  • What is assertion?
Essential Reading
Jennifer Saul, Lying, Misleading and What is Said, Chapters 2 and 3
https://philpapers.org/rec/SAULMA-3

Further Reading

Week One: Introduction, Sense and Reference
- Gideon Makin, "Frege’s Distinction Between Sense and Reference" (https://philpapers.org/rec/MAKFDB)
- Zalta, Edward, SEP entry on "Gottlob Frege" http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/frege/

Week Two: Acquaintance and Description

Week Three: Theories of reference
- Keith Donnellan, “Proper names and identifying descriptions” (https://philpapers.org/rec/DONPNA)

Week Four: Minimal Content
- Jennifer Saul, Lying, Misleading and What is Said (https://philpapers.org/rec/SAULMA-3), Chapters 2 and 3
- Emma Borg, “Explanatory roles for minimal content” (https://philpapers.org/rec/BORERF)

Week Five: Analytic/Synthetic Distinction
- W.V. Quine, Two Dogma’s Of Empiricism (https://philpapers.org/rec/QUITDO-3)
- P.A. Boghossian, Analyticity Reconsidered (https://philpapers.org/rec/BOGAR)

Week Six: Harms of Speech
- Judith Butler, Excitable Speech (https://philpapers.org/rec/BUTESA-3)

Week Seven: Singular/Descriptive Thought
Week Eight: Pragmatics
- Ken Bach, Conversational Implication, (https://philpapers.org/rec/BACCI)
- Michael Blome-Tillmann Conversational Implicatures (https://philpapers.org/rec/BLOCI-2)
- Grice, Studies In The Way Of Words (https://philpapers.org/rec/GRISIT)

Week Nine: Slurs
- Renée Jorgensen Bolinger, “The Pragmatics of Slurs” (https://philpapers.org/rec/BOLTP0-9)
- Elizabeth Camp, “Slurring Perspectives” (https://philpapers.org/rec/CAMSP)

Week Ten: Silencing
- Miranda Fricker, Epistemic Injustice: Power and The Ethics of Knowing (https://philpapers.org/rec/FRIEIP)

Week Eleven: Lying, Misleading and Asserting
- Andreas Stokke, Lying and Asserting (https://philpapers.org/rec/STOLAA)