

PSYD80S: Current Topics in Theoretical Psychology
Spring, 1995 Instructor: A. Kukla (S-752)

To purchase: Fodor's Modularity of mind. Other readings on 3-hour reserve. Grades will be based on 2 essay tests: a midterm (40% of grade) and a final exam (60% of final grade).

Week 1. Introductory.

Weeks 2-3. Fodor, J. A. Representations. MIT Press, 1981, pp. 1-31.

Weeks 4-5. Fodor, J. A. Fodor's guide to mental representations. Mind, 94, 1985, 76-100.

Week 6. Midterm exam.

Week 7. Chomsky, N. Recent contributions to the theory of innate ideas. In H. Morick (Ed.), Challenges to empiricism. Hackett: 1980, pp. 230-239.

Putnam, H. The innateness hypothesis and explanatory models in linguistics. In Morick, pp. 240-250.

Chomsky, N. Reply to Putnam. In N. Block (Ed.), Readings in the philosophy of psychology, Vol. 2. Harvard, 1981, pp. 300-304.

Chomsky, N. (1980). Rules and representations. Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 3, 1980, 1-15.

Week 8. Fodor, J. A. Representations. MIT Press, 1981, pp. 257-316.

Week 9. Fodor, J. A. Modularity of mind. MIT Press, 1983. Pp. 1-101

Week 10. Goodman, N. Fact, fiction, and forecast. Harvard, 1983. Pp. 59-83.

Piattelli-Palmarini, M. (Ed.), Language and learning: The Debate between Jean Piaget and Noam Chomsky. Harvard, 1980. Pp. 255-275, 287-340.

Week 11. Fodor, J. A. Modularity of mind. MIT Press, 1983. Pp. 101-129.

Kukla, A. (1992). Endogenous constraints on inductive reasoning. Philosophical Psychology, 5 (read all except the last section).

Week 12. Kukla, A. (1994). Some limits to empirical inquiry. Analysis, 54, 153-159.

Kukla, A. (1993). Epistemic boundedness. International Studies in the Philosophy of Science, 7, 121-126.

Cherniak, C. (1986). Minimal rationality. MIT Press. Pp. 3-48.

Week 13. Goodman, N. Fact, fiction, and forecast. Harvard, 1983. Pp. 84-99.

Kukla, A. (1992). Endogenous constraints on inductive reasoning. Philosophical Psychology, 5 (read the last section).

Pinker, S., & Bloom, P. (1990). Natural language and natural selection. Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 13, 707-727.