

PSYB30 - THEORIES OF PERSONALITY. Spring 2003

Tuesdays, 2pm-3pm & Thursdays 3pm-4pm in S-319

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will survey some of the most important philosophical foundations and implications of experimental psychology. We will approach the issues in roughly chronological order, starting with Descartes, and reading, amongst others, Titchener, Freud, Skinner, Chomsky, Fodor and Searle. The emphasis will be on a critical understanding of the arguments of these writers as well as how the various approaches have shaped and informed contemporary psychological theory and practice. Most importantly, we will examine these theories as attempts to construct an overall conception of the person — as general theories of human nature. No philosophical background is required; we will cover the relevant details of logic and philosophy of science as part of the course.

BOOKS TO BUY:

Kukla, A. (ed) (1996) *Personality Theory: A Book of Readings*. (Toronto: Canadian Scholars Press) (Referred to as "Readings")
Flanagan, O. (1991) *The Science of the Mind* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press) (Referred to as "Flanagan")

BOOKS ON RESERVE AT THE LIBRARY

Kukla, A. (2001) *Methods of Theoretical Psychology* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press) (Referred to as "Methods")

[Recommended extra reading for lecture 24:

Van Gelder, T (199x) "Revisiting the Dynamical Hypothesis" available at
<http://www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/~tgelder/papers/Brazil.pdf>]

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT:

1. Midterm test. 40 multiple choice questions. 1hr. 40% of grade. Date: 11th February
2. Final exam. 60 Multiple questions. 2hrs. 60% of grade. Non-cumulative. Date: TBA

Lecture Schedule:

Reading Schedule

[Readings followed by an '[r]' are recommended; the others are required.]

- 1. 7th January. Introduction
- 2. 9th January. Logic (Igor)
- 3. 14th January. Philosophy of Science (Igor)

} Readings, Introduction
Readings, chapter 1 [r]
Methods chs 2 and 3 [r]

- 4. 16th January. Dualism
- 5. 21st January. Dualism & Introspection
- 6. 23rd January. Introspective Psychology
- 7. 28th January. Introspectionism

} Flanagan, pp. 1-9, pp.18-22, ch. 2
Flanagan, pp. 9-18 [r]
Readings, chapter 2 [r]
Readings, chapter 3 & 4

- 8. 30th January. Background of Psychoanalysis 1
- 9. 4th February. Background of Psychoanalysis 2

} Flanagan, chapter 3

- 10. 6th February. Pre-exam review.
- 11. 11th February. Midterm exam

- 12. 13th February. Psychoanalysis 1.
- 13. 5th February. Psychoanalysis 2.
- 14. 27th February. Psychoanalysis 3.

} Readings, chapter 5-6

- 15. 4th March. Behavioural Psychology 1
- 16. 6th March. Behavioural Psychology 2.
- 17. 11th March. Behavioural Psychology 3
- 18. 13th March. Chomsky on Behaviourism (Igor)

} Readings, chapters 7-11
Flanagan, chapter 4

- 19. 18th March. Transition to Cognitive Science 1
- 20. 20th March. Transition to Cognitive Science 2

} Readings, chapter 13

- 21. 25th March. Cognitive Science 1.
- 22. 27th March. Cognitive Science 2.
- 23. 1st April. Artificial Intelligence.
- 24. 3rd April. Dynamical Systems in Cog. Sci.

} Readings, chapters 14-15-16
Flanagan, chapter 6
Van Gelder, T. "Revisiting the Dynamical Hypothesis" (online) [r]