

Early Modern Philosophy and Knowledge

Course Schedule

Date	Topic	Reading
Week 1	Introduction	
Week 2	René Descartes Skepticism and Rationalism	Descartes - Selection from <i>Discourse on the Method</i>
Week 3		Descartes - Selection from <i>Meditations</i>
Week 4	John Locke Foundationalism and Empiricism	Locke - Book I of <i>An Essay Concerning Human Understanding</i>
Week 5		Locke - Selection from Books II and IV of <i>An Essay Concerning Human Understanding</i>
Week 6	Catherine Trotter Cockburn Empiricist Moral Knowledge	Cockburn - Selection from <i>A Defence of Mr. Locke</i>
Week 7	Mary Astell Intuitive Knowledge, Authoritative Belief	Astell - Selection from <i>A Serious Proposal</i>
Week 8	George Berkeley An Idealist Response to Skepticism	Berkeley - Selection from <i>Three Dialogues</i>
Week 9	Thomas Reid Perception and Common Sense	Reid - Section I and V of <i>An Inquiry Into the Human Mind</i>
Week 10		Reid - Section VI of <i>An Inquiry Into the Human Mind</i>
Week 11	David Hume Impressions, Ideas, and Shades of Blue	Hume - Selection from <i>Treatise of Human Nature</i>
Week 12	Causation and the Problem of Induction	Hume - Selection from <i>Enquiry</i>
Week 13	Immanuel Kant A Priori Knowledge	Kant - Selection from <i>Prolegomena to any Future Metaphysics</i>
Week 14	Phenomenal Knowledge, Noumenal Ignorance	Kant - Selection from <i>Critique of Pure Reason</i>
Week 15	Mary Shepherd Against Skepticism	Shepherd - Selection from <i>Essays on the Perception of an External Universe</i>