PHIL 7205, Fall 2010  
Thursday 11-1, Collins

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Course Description

This class will focus on leading philosophers who have engaged with themes from Wittgenstein's later philosophy.

Texts


Additional readings will be available on Blackboard.

Requirements for the Course

Précis Assignments

A 300-350 word précis of the reading (or, more likely, some part of it) will be due at the beginning of class on alternating weeks, depending whether you are in Group A
or Group B. Thus, Group A will submit their précis on Week 2, Group B on Week 3, and so on until the end of term. I will assign you to groups after the first class.

Précis will not be graded; they are meant to be an opportunity for you to think through the material more carefully, and (possibly) to test out ideas, objections, etc. for your final paper.

Further details: Please try to fit the précis on one page; use both sides of a single piece of paper if necessary. Also, do not go over the word limit; concision is part of the assignment. To keep track of this, please include a word count at the top of the first page.

**Final Paper**

A 5,000-6,000 word paper (roughly, 15-17 pages) will be due at the beginning of our final class. The topic is up to you, but you should speak to me beforehand about possible ideas so I can help you to find a manageable topic, and to point you towards relevant readings.

**Grading**

Your grade will be based on your final paper, though excellence in class participation will help those on the borderline of a grade.

**Tentative Schedule of Readings**

**September**

2 Wittgenstein, *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, a ridiculously quick tour


30: No class, SRG conference

**October**
7 Saul Kripke, *Wittgenstein on Rules and Private Language* (ch. 3) [Group B]

14 Alasdair MacIntyre, “Colors, Cultures, Practices” [Blackboard] [Group A]

21 Elizabeth Anscombe, *Intention* (§§ 1-31) [Group B]

28 Elizabeth Anscombe, *Intention* (§§ 32-52) [Group A]

**November**

4 Peter Winch, “Understanding a Primitive Society” [Blackboard] [Group B]


18 Michael Williams, “Why (Wittgensteinian) Contextualism is not Relativism” [Blackboard] [Group B]

25: No class, Thanksgiving

**December**

2 Duncan Pritchard, “Epistemic Relativism, Epistemic Incommensurability, and Wittgensteinian Epistemology” [Blackboard] [Group A]

9 Norman Malcolm, “The Groundlessness of Belief” [Blackboard] [Group B]

16 Last Day: Papers due and discussion of research projects