

Essentialism in Analytic Philosophy and Phenomenology

(501.539) – Winter Term 2016/17

Syllabus

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Dates	Every Friday in Oct. & Nov. 11:45 am to 3:00 pm in UR 09.34 (Nov 11: UR 09.24)		
Attendance in class	Obligatory attendance! Regular attendance is a necessary condition for completing this course successfully. You are allowed to miss 20% of the sessions. Rounding up, this amounts to 2 double sessions that you are allowed to miss. If you miss more than 2 double sessions, you will not be able to complete the course successfully. I'll count being late for more than 10 minutes as missing parts of a session.		
Assessment	Oral contributions to discussions & short papers (25%)	89-100 %	Sehr Gut (1)
	Presentation (25%)	77-88 %	Gut (2)
	Final paper (50%)	64-76 %	Befriedigend (3)
		51-63 %	Genügend (4)
		0-50 %	Nicht Gen. (5)
	As for all your contributions (written or oral) you can choose freely whether you submit them in German or English.		
Short papers	In order to prepare the texts that shall be discussed in class, you are required to write short papers (300-450 words) on these texts. They will be due on Thursdays, 6:00 pm. Those papers can be critical summaries and outlines of the central position advocated in the text; you can pose (and answer) critical questions that are crucial to the authors' accounts; you can attack presuppositions or premises, launch counter-arguments or juxtapose different readings of a particular passage etc. ... No matter what format you choose for these short papers, the more original and the more critical, the better. You will not be required to write papers on texts you are presenting in class.		
Presentations	Each participant is required to present the paper(s) that shall be discussed in one session. These presentations shall give a clear and concise overview of the central questions, theses, arguments and counterarguments that are discussed in the respective texts. Presenters should compose a handout and upload it to Moodle by Thursday 6:00 pm.		
Final papers	Each participant is required to write a final paper (10-12 pages) on a topic related to the material discussed in class. More detailed information and deadline tba.		

Preliminary reading assignment (subject to change)

Session 1	Introduction
Session 2	Fine (1994); Correia (2012)
Session 3	Hale (2013)
Session 4	Lowe (2008) or (2012); Horvath (2014)
Session 5	Vaidya (2010)
Session 6	Husserl (1973); Tieszen (2005)
Session 7	Mohanty (1991); Kasmier (2010)
Session 8	tba

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