

## PIU33184 | Philosophical Analysis

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**Credits:** 10 ECTS

**Contact Hours:** 22

**Pre-requisite:** None

**Semester:** Hilary

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### Module Outline:

The course considers the methodology of analytic philosophy in form of philosophical analysis. The course divides roughly into two parts. During the first part, we consider the beginnings of analytic philosophy and its analytic method, consider problems for analysis, and discuss developments of it in form of explication and conceptual engineering. In the second part, we consider particular analyses of primarily modalities, and how these are used to analyse further phenomena such as causation.

### Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course, students should have:

- Knowledge of some central problems in philosophical analysis and of certain possible solutions to them.
- The ability to assess some received wisdom about the nature and purpose of philosophical analysis.

- An understanding of key philosophical concepts such as analysis, modality, counterfactual, and modality.

## Recommended Reading List

The following is only an indication of the final reading list which will be distributed at the beginning of the teaching semester.

- Anderson, C. Anthony (1993). Analyzing Analysis. *Philosophical Studies* 72(2/3), 199—222
- Barcan Marcus, Ruth (1978). Nominalism and the Substitutional Quantifier. *The Monist* 61(3), 351—362
- Barcan Marcus, Ruth (1993). *Modalities. Philosophical Essays*. Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Carnap, Rudolf (1937). *Logical Syntax of Language*. Translated by Amethe Smeaton (Countess von Zeppelin). New York: Routledge
- Carnap, Rudolf (1939). *Foundations of Logic and Mathematics*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press
- Carnap, Rudolf (1956). *Meaning and Necessity. A Study in Semantics and Modal Logic*. Second Edition. Chicago: Chicago University Press
- Carnap, Rudolf (1962). *Logical Foundations of Probability*. Second Edition. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press
- Daly, Chris (2010). *An Introduction to Philosophical Methods*. Peterborough: Broadview
- Daly, Chris (ed.) (2015). *The Palgrave Handbook of Philosophical Methods*. New York: Palgrave MacMillan
- Geach, Peter, Black, Max (1960). *Translations from the Philosophical Writings of Gottlob Frege*. Second Edition. Oxford: Basil Blackwell
- Haslanger, Sally (2012). *Resisting Reality. Social Construction and Social Critique*. Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Hospers, John (1997). *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*. London: Routledge
- Jackson, Frank (1998). *From Metaphysics to Ethics. A Defence of Conceptual Analysis*. Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Jones, E. E. Constance (1910-1911). A New Law of Thought. *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, Vol. 11, 166—186
- Lewis, David (1973). *Counterfactuals*. Malden: Blackwell Publishing
- Lewis, David (1986). *On the Plurality of Worlds*. Malden: Blackwell Publishing
- Machery, Edouard (2017). *Philosophy Within its Proper Bounds*. Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Moore, George Edward (1959). *Philosophical Papers*. New York: Routledge
- Putnam, Hilary (1975). *Mind, Language and Reality. Philosophical Papers, Volume 2*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Quine, Willard van Orman (1960). *Word and Object*. Cambridge: The MIT Press
- Quine, Willard van Orman (1980). *From a Logical Point of View*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press

- Russell, Bertrand (1905). On Denoting. *Mind* 14(56), 479—493
- Russell, Bertrand (1920/93). *Introduction to Mathematical Philosophy*. New York: Dover Publications
- Russell, Bertrand (1998). *The Problems of Philosophy*. Second Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Schrenk, Markus (2017). *Metaphysics of Science. A Systematic and Historical Introduction*. New York: Routledge
- Soames, Scott (2003a). *Philosophical Analysis in the Twentieth Century, Volume 1: The Dawn of Analysis*. Princeton: Princeton University Press
- Soames, Scott (2003b). *Philosophical Analysis in the Twentieth Century, Volume 2: The Age of Meaning*. Princeton: Princeton University Press
- Stebbing, L. S. (1932-1933). The Method of Analysis in Metaphysics. *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, Vol. 33, 65—94
- Urmson, J. O. (1956). *Philosophical Analysis. Its Development between the two World Wars*. Oxford: Clarendon Press
- Williamson, Timothy (2000). *Knowledge and its Limits*. Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Williamson, Timothy (2007). *The Philosophy of Philosophy*. Malden: Blackwell Publishing

#### **Assessment:**

- Mid-term essay 40%
- End of term essay 60%