

"To be alive means to live
in a world that preceded one's
own arrival and will survive one's
departure" - Hannah Arendt



Philosophy 113: Existentialism and Phenomenology

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Tuesday and Thursdays, 3 to 4:15pm, Sweeney Hall 241

This semester we'll offer a fairly comprehensive synopsis of main existentialist and phenomenological philosophers. Time spent on individual philosophers will have to be fairly short. Even so we'll distribute the time so that the most influential and formative thinkers receive the greater amount of discussion. We'll cover main doctrines of Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Brentano, Husserl, Heidegger, Sartre, Merleau-Ponty, de Beauvoir, Camus, Arendt, Levinas and Derrida. Because of their especially lasting philosophical influence, more time will be spent on Husserl and Heidegger than on several of the others.

Required Books:

Moran, Dermot and Mooney, Timothy, (Eds.), *The Phenomenology Reader*, London and New York: Routledge, 2002 ISBN: 978-0-415-22421-5.

Marino, Gordon, *Basic Writings of Existentialism*, New York: The Modern Library, 2004. ISBN: 0-375-75989-1.

Assignments:

Since we will cover many thinkers, the assignments will be spread out so students can write, however briefly, on several. There'll be five quite short papers (2-3, pages) on whichever philosophers students choose. There will be one considerably longer writing assignment, a term paper, on a single philosopher whom a student especially wishes to study. That paper will be eight to ten pages and due at the end of the semester.