

Philosophy 291

# SEMINAR IN EPISTEMOLOGY AND METAPHYSICS

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T 19:00 - 21:45

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BBC 203

Seminar Theme: Recent Types of Platonism and Rationalism in Logic and Mathematics

A good case can be made for the claim that in philosophy it is logic and mathematics that have been most resistant to anti-platonist ('anti-realist') and anti-rationalist views. In this seminar we will investigate and critically evaluate recent types of platonism and/or rationalism, especially in connection with logic and mathematics. Ideas of Frege, Quine, Gödel, Katz, Maddy, Bealer, and others will be considered.

Seminar participants will be expected to make a short presentation on a position in the recent literature.

Texts: 1. A course reader, which will be available at Maple Press, and  
2. *After Gödel: Platonism and Rationalism in Mathematics and Logic*, by R. Tieszen. This can be purchased as a hard copy, or as an e-book at Oxford Scholars Online or in a Kindle edition. (A copy will also be placed on reserve in M.L. King library.)