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Lectures: Monday, 11.15-12.45, SE PHIL
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Tuesday, 16.15-17.45 HS 304
Wednesday, 10.15-11.45, SE PHIL
Wednesday, 18.00-19.30 HS 304

LECTURE TOPICS and READINGS

Properties and Forms

- C. Swoyer, 'Properties', *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*,
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- C. Meinwald, *Plato's Parmenides*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1991
- F.J. Pelletier and E. Zalta, 'How to Say Goodbye to the Third Man' (coauthor: Francis Jeffrey Pelletier), *Noûs*, **34**/2 (June 2000): 165-202

Leibniz's Theory of Concepts

- Mates, B., 'Leibniz on Possible Worlds', in *Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science III*, B. van Rootselaar and J. Staal (eds.), Amsterdam: North Holland, 1968; reprinted in *Leibniz: A Collection of Critical Essays*, H. Frankfurt (ed.), Notre Dame: Notre Dame University Press, 1976 (Garden City: Anchor Books, 1972)

- W. Lenzen, *Das System der Leibnizschen Logik*, Berlin: W. de Gruyter, 1990
- C. Swoyer, 'Leibniz's Calculus of Real Addition', *Studia Leibnitiana* **XXVI**/1 (1994): 1-30
- E. Zalta, 'A (Leibnizian) Theory of Concepts', *Philosophiegeschichte und logische Analyse / Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy*, **3** (2000): 137–183

Frege I. Frege's Numbers

- C. Wright, *Frege's Conception of Numbers as Objects*, Aberdeen, Scotland: Aberdeen University Press, 1983.
- G. Boolos, 'The Consistency of Frege's *Foundations of Arithmetic*' in *On Being and Saying*, J. Thomson (ed.), Cambridge, MA: MIT Press; reprinted in G. Boolos, *Logic, Logic, and Logic*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1998, pp. 183–201.
- E. Zalta, 'Frege's Logic, Theorem, and Foundations for Arithmetic', in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, <<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/frege-logic/>>.
- E. Zalta, 'Natural Numbers and Natural Cardinals as Abstract Objects: A Partial Reconstruction of Frege's *Grundgesetze* in Object Theory', *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, **28**/6 (1999): 619–660.

Frege II. Fregean Logical Objects

- B. Hale, *Abstract Objects*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1987
- G. Boolos, 'Saving Frege From Contradiction' in *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, **87** (1986/1987): 137-151; reprinted in G. Boolos, *Logic, Logic, and Logic*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1998, pp. 171–182.
- F. Macbride, 'Speaking with Shadows: A Study of Neo-Logicism', *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, 54/1 (March 2003): 103-163. (Available online: <http://www3.oup.co.uk/phisci/hdb/Volume_54/Issue_01/pdf/540093.pdf>.)
- D.J. Anderson and E. Zalta, 'Frege, Boolos, and Logical Objects', <<http://mally.stanford.edu/frege-boolos.pdf>>

Frege III. Senses and Modes of Presentation

- D. Kaplan, 'Quantifying In', in *Words and Objections: Essays on the Work of W. V. Quine*, D. Davidson and J. Hintikka (eds.), Dordrecht: D. Reidel, 1969, pp. 178–214; reprinted in *Reference and Modality*, L. Linsky (ed.), Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1971, pp. 112–144.
- N. Salmon, *Frege's Puzzle*, Cambridge, MA: MIT/Bradford, 1986

- G. Forbes, 'The Indispensability of *Sinn*', *The Philosophical Review*, **99** (October 1990): 535–63
- M. Crimmins, 'Hesperus and Phosphorus: Sense, Pretense, and Reference', *Philosophical Review*, **107**/1 (January 1998): 1–47
- E. Zalta, 'Fregean Senses, Modes of Presentation, and Concepts', *Philosophical Perspectives*, 15 (2001): 333–357

Possible Worlds, Impossible Worlds, and the Law of Noncontradiction

- D. Lewis, "Possible Worlds," in *Counterfactuals*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1973, pp. 84–91
- T. Yagisawa, 'Beyond Possible Worlds', *Philosophical Studies*, 53 (1988): 175–204
- G. Priest, *Beyond the Limits of Thought*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995
- E. Zalta, 'Twenty-Five Basic Theorems in Situation and World Theory', *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 22, 1993, 385–428; 'A Classically-Based Theory of Impossible Worlds', *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, 38/4 (Fall 1997): 640–660; 'In Defense of the Law of Noncontradiction', in *The Law of Noncontradiction: New Philosophical Essays*, G. Priest, J.C. Beall, B. Armour-Garb, eds., Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming. [Preprint available at <<http://mally.stanford.edu/noncontradiction.pdf>>.]

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- L. Albertazzi, D. Jacquette, and R. Poli, *The School of Alexius Meinong*, Aldershot: Ashgate, 2001
- M. Reicher, 'Die Logik der Intentionalität: Meinongs Eigenschaftsarten und Mallys Duale Kopula', in *Bausteine zu Einer Geschichte der Philosophie an der Universität Graz*, T. Binder, R. Fabian, U. Höfer, J. Valent (eds), Amsterdam: Rodopi, 2001.
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Philosophy of Mathematics: Alternatives to Platonism?

- H. Field, *Realism, Mathematics, and Modality*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1989
- P. Benacerraf, 'What Numbers Could Not Be', *Philosophical Review*, **74** (1965): 47–73
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