

Unit Information Sheet 2012

Philosophy of Mind (ATS2840/3881)

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Text

Required text: *Unit Reader* (collection of readings, available in Bookshop).

Optional reading: *Unit Study Guide* (available electronically on Moodle).

Assessments

Assessment Task	Value	Due Date
1. Expository 1 (600 words)	15%	Mon. Aug. 13 (Week 4)
2. Expository 1 (600 words)	15%	Mon. Sept. 10 (Week 8)
3. Essay (2300 words)	50%	Fri. Oct. 19 (Week 12)
4. Exam (2 hours)	20%	TBA



UNIT SCHEDULE

Week	Topic	Assessment
W1	T1. Intro to Mind-Body Problem	
W2	T2. Cartesian Dualism	
W3	T3. Behaviourism	
W4	T4. Identity Theory	Expository 1 Due (Mon. Aug. 13)
W5	T5. Functionalism	
W6	<i>No Lecture (Catch up/Work on Expos2)</i>	
W7	T6. Causal Theory/Identity Again	
W8	T7. Consciousness: Knowledge	Expository 2 Due (Mon. Sept. 10)
W9	T8. Consciousness: Zombies	
<i>Mid-Semester Break (Sept. 24-28)</i>		
W10	T9. Pansychism	
W11	T10. Mental Content	
W12	T11. Other Minds	Essay Due (Fri. Oct. 19)
	Examination Period	Assessment Policy

Required Readings

Ch. 1: Intro to Mind-Body Problem

Note: These first two readings are recommended, but not required.

- 1.1 Frith, C. 2007. 'Prologue: Real Scientists Don't Study the Mind' (excerpt) in *Making Up the Mind*, Oxford, Blackwell: 1-16.
- 1.2 Chalmers, D. J. 1995. 'The puzzle of conscious experience' *Scientific American*, 273, 80–86. (With sidebar by Crick & Koch.)

Ch. 2: Cartesian Dualism

- 2.1 Descartes, R. 1641/1984, 'Meditations 2 & 6' (excerpt) in *The Philosophical Writings of Descartes*, Vol. II, intro. by J. Cottingham, trans. J. Cottingham, R. Stoothoff, D. Murdoch, eds. 2 and 6: 12-15; 50-62.
- 2.2 Bennett, K. 2007, 'Mental causation' (excerpt) *Philosophy Compass* 2:2, sects.1-2: 316-320.
- 2.3 Kim, J. 2011, 'The Pairing Problem' (excerpt) *Philosophy of Mind*, 3rd edn, Boulder, Westview Press: 50-54.
- 2.4 Foster, J. 1989, 'A defence for dualism' (excerpt) in J. Smythies & J. Beloff (eds.), *The Case for Dualism*, Charlottesville, University of Virginia Press: 12-15.

Ch. 3: Behaviorism

- 3.1 Ryle, G. 1949/2009, 'Descartes' Myth' Ch. 1 of *The Concept of Mind*, 60th Anniversary Edn, Routledge: 1-13.
- 3.2 Watson, J. B. 1913, 'Psychology as the behaviorist views it' (excerpt) *Psychological Review* 20: Summary section only.
- 3.3 Campbell, K. 1984, 'The Behaviorist Solution' (excerpt) in *Body and Mind*, 2nd edn, Notre Dame, University of Notre Dame Press: 59-60; 65-74.
- 3.4 Chomsky, N. 1959, 'Review of Skinner's *Verbal Behaviour*' (excerpt) *Language* 35(1): 54-58.

Ch. 4: Identity Theory

- 4.1 Smart, J. J. C. 1959, 'Sensations and brain processes', *The Philosophical Review*, vol. 68, no. 2: 141-150.
- 4.2 Kim, J. 2011, 'Against Psychoneural Identity Theory' in *Philosophy of Mind*, 3rd edn, Boulder, Westview Press, ch. 4: 106-112.
- 4.3 Kripke, S. 1972/1980. 'Lecture III' (excerpt) in *Naming and Necessity*, Harvard University Press: 144-155.

Ch. 5: Functionalism

- 5.1 Putnam, H. 1975, 'The nature of mental states' in *Mind, Language, and Reality*, Cambridge University Press: 429-440. (Originally published in 1967 as 'Psychological Predicates' in *Art, Mind, and Religion*, W.H. Capitan and D.D. Merrill (eds.), pp. 37-48.)
- 5.2 Searle, J. 1980, 'Minds, brains and programs' *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 3: 417-424.
- 5.3 Block, N. 1995, 'The mind as the software of the brain' (excerpt) in *An Invitation to Cognitive Science*, D. Osherson, L. Gleitman, S. Kosslyn, E. Smith & S. Sternberg, (eds.), MIT Press: sec. 4.

Ch. 6: The Causal Theory: Identity Again

- 6.1 Armstrong, D. 1970, 'The nature of mind' in C V Borst (ed.), *The Mind/Brain Identity Theory*, London, MacMillan: 67-75.
- 6.2 Lewis, D. 1983, 'Mad pain and Martian pain', in D. Lewis, *Philosophical Papers, vol. I*, Oxford, Oxford University Press: 122-132.

Ch. 7: Consciousness 1: Knowledge Argument

- 7.1 Jackson, F. 1986, 'What Mary Didn't Know' *The Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 83, no. 5, May: 291-295.
- 7.2 Lewis, D. 1988/1997, 'What Experience Teaches' (excerpt) in N. Block, O. J. Flanagan & G. Güzeldere (eds), *The Nature of Consciousness: Philosophical Debates*, Cambridge, MIT Press: 591-595. (Originally published in 1988, *Proceedings of the Russelian Society*, University of Sydney.)

Ch. 8: Consciousness 2: Zombie Argument

- 8.1 Chalmers, D. 1996, 'Can Consciousness be Reductively Explained?' (excerpt) in *The Conscious Mind*, Oxford, Oxford University Press: 93-9 & 106-11.
- 8.2 Churchland, P. S. 1996, 'The Hornswoggle problem' *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, vol. 3, no. 5-6: 402-8.
- 8.3 Stoljar, D. 2006, 'Introduction'(excerpt) from *Ignorance and Imagination*, Oxford, Oxford University Press: 3-5.

Ch. 9: Panpsychism

- 9.1 Nagel, T. 1979, 'Panpsychism' in T. Nagel (ed.), *Mortal Questions*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press: 181-195.
- 9.2 Van Cleve, J. 1990, 'Mind-dust or magic? Panpsychism vs. Emergence' (excerpt) *Philosophical Perspectives* 4: 215-17; 219-20.

Ch. 10: Mental Content: Externalism

- 10.1 Burge, T. 1979. 'Individualism and the Mental,' (excerpt) in French, Uehling, and Wettstein (eds.) *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, IV, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, pp. 73-87. (Reprinted in Burge's *Foundations of Mind*, OUP 2007.)
- 10.2 Fodor, J. 1980. 'Methodological Solipsism Considered as a Research Strategy in Cognitive Psychology,' *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 3: 63-73.

Ch. 11: Other Minds

- 11.1 Hill, C. 1991, 'Knowledge of Other Minds' (excerpt) in *Sensations; A Defense of Type Materialism*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press: 209-225.