

HEIDEGGER

Pol Sci 273S/Phil 273S
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MW 1:15-2:30

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This course will focus on the philosophical thought of Martin Heidegger and its importance for our understanding of identity, history, nihilism, technology, and politics. Readings will be drawn from his entire corpus and will include: his "Introduction" to *Being and Time*, "What is Metaphysics?" "The Self-Assertion of the German University," " *An Introduction to Metaphysics*," "The Time of the World Picture," "European Nihilism," "The Overcoming of Metaphysics," "Letter on Humanism," "Building Dwelling Thinking," "Poetically Man Dwells," "The Question Concerning Technology," and his *Spiegel* interview, "Only a God Can Save Us." The course will consider but will not focus on Heidegger's own political involvements. It will be principally directed to an encounter with the profound meaning of his thinking for contemporary ethics and politics.

Requirements: For undergraduates a 10-15 page paper and a final will be required. The paper is due April 10, 2011 at 8 pm and there will be no extensions. For graduate students a 10-15 page paper is required if it is completed by April 26, 2008 by 8:00 pm, thereafter a 20-30 page paper. Each student will also be responsible for a short 10-15 minute presentation on one of the assigned secondary articles. Each student must also prepare a short synopsis of one of the books on Heidegger listed in the bibliography. This is due Mar. 22, 2011 at 8pm. The paper and final will each constitute 30% of the final grade, the presentation and book review an additional 15% and class participation the remaining 15% for undergraduates. For graduate students the paper will count 60%, the presentation and review 20% and class participation 20% of the final grade.

Required Purchases:

Martin Heidegger, *Basic Writings*

Martin Heidegger, *Introduction to Metaphysics*

Martin Heidegger, *Nietzsche*, vols. III and IV

Richard Woolen, *The Heidegger Controversy: A Critical Reader*

Schedule of Required Readings:

Jan.	12	Introduction Suggested: Gillespie, "Martin Heidegger: From Radical Philosophy to Political Theology"
	17	No Class-Martin Luther King Day

- 19 "Introduction" to *Being and Time* in *Basic Writings (BW)*, 40-87
Franco Volpi, "Being and Time: A Translation of the *Nicomachean Ethics*?"
- 24 "Introduction" to *Being and Time* in *Basic Writings (BW)*, 40-87

Recommended: Theodor Kisiel, *The Genesis of Heidegger's Being and Time*
- 26 "What is Metaphysics" *BW*, 89-111
Hans-Georg Gadamer, "Martin Heidegger and Marburg Theology."
Wilk, "On Human Being: A Dispute between Edith Stein and Martin Heidegger,"
- 31 *The Heidegger Controversy*, 29-66
Gillespie, "Martin Heidegger's Aristotelian National Socialism"

Recommended: *The Heidegger, Controversy*, 1-22, 119-139
- Feb. 2 *Heidegger Controversy*, 91-116; "The Rectorate 1933/34: Facts and Thoughts,"
Karl Löwith, "The Political Implications of Heidegger's Existentialism," in *The Heidegger Controversy*, 167-185
- 7 *Introduction to Metaphysics*, 1-31
Jürgen Habermas, "On the Publication of the Lectures of 1935," in *The Heidegger Controversy 186-198*
Levinas, "As if consenting to Evil"
- 9 *Introduction to Metaphysics*, 31-51
Otto Pöggeler, "Heidegger's Political Self-Understanding" in *The Heidegger Controversy*, 198-244.
- 14 *Introduction to Metaphysics*, 52-74
Jacques Derrida, "Ousia and Gramme: Note on a Note from *Being and Time*," in *Margins of Philosophy*;

Recommended: David Couzens Hoy, "[Forgetting the Text: Derrida's Critique of Heidegger](#)," [boundary 2](#), Vol 8, no. 1 The Problems of Reading in Contemporary American Criticism: A Symposium (Autumn, 1979), pp. 223-236
- 16 *Introduction to Metaphysics*, 75-98
- 21 *Introduction to Metaphysics*, 98-136
- 23 *Introduction to Metaphysics*, 136-165
- 28 *Introduction to Metaphysics*, 165-206
- Mar. 2 "The Age of the World Picture" (Blackboard)

- Paul Ricoeur, "The Critique of Subjectivity and Cogito in the Philosophy of Heidegger"
- 7-9 No Class, Spring Break
- 14 *Nietzsche*, vol. IV, 3-35
Hans Sluga, "Heidegger's Nietzsche," in *The Blackwell Companion to Heidegger*
- 16 *Nietzsche*, vol. IV, 36-68
- 21 *Nietzsche*, vol. IV, 69-101
Robert Pippin, Nietzsche, "Heidegger, and the Metaphysics of Modernity"
- 22 Synopsis due
- 23 *Nietzsche*, vol. IV, 102-138
- 28 *Nietzsche*, vol. IV, 139-196
William Galston, "Heidegger's Plato"
Recommended: Heidegger, "Plato's Idea of Truth"
- 30 *Nietzsche*, vol. IV, 199-250
Lawrence Lampert, "On Heidegger and Historicism"
- Apr. 4 "The Overcoming of Metaphysics," in *Heidegger Controversy*, 67-90
- 6 "Letter on Humanism," in *BW*, 213-246
Tom Rockmore "On Humanism and French Humanism"
- 10 Undergraduate Paper due 5 p.m. –no extensions
- 11 "Letter on Humanism," 246-266
- 13 "The Question Concerning Technology," in *BW*, 307-42
Hubert Dreyfus, "Heidegger on the Connection between Nihilism, Art, Technology, and Politics"
- 18 Building Dwelling Thinking," in *BW*, 343-64
Robert Dostal, "[Friendship and Politics: Heidegger's Failing](#)"
- 20 Poetically Man Dwells," on line reserve
Catherine Zuckert, "Martin Heidegger: His Philosophy and His Politics"
- 25 Review
- 26 Graduate papers due

Biographical

Victor Farias, *Heidegger and Nazism*

*Hans-Georg Gadamer, "Martin Heidegger and Marburg Theology." *Philosophical Hermeneutics*, ed. and trans. David E. Linge, pp. 198-212. (Blackboard)

*Hans-Georg Gadamer; John McCumber, "[Back from Syracuse?](#)" *Critical Inquiry* Vol. 15, No. 2 (Winter, 1989), pp. 427-430 (JSTOR)

*David Kolb, "[Heidegger at 100, in America,](#)" *Journal of the History of Ideas* Vol. 52, No. 1 (Jan., 1991), pp. 140-151 (JSTOR)

*Emmanuel Levinas; Paula Wissing, "[As If Consenting to Horror,](#)" *Critical Inquiry* Vol. 15, No. 2 (Winter, 1989), pp. 485-488 (JSTOR)

Hugo Ott, *Martin Heidegger: A Political Life*

Rüdiger Safranski, *Martin Heidegger: Between Good and Evil*

*Thomas Sheehan, "Reading a Life: Heidegger and Hard Times," in *Cambridge Companion to Heidegger*, ed. by Charles B Guignon

Politics and Nazism

Pierre Bourdieu, *The Political Ontology of Martin Heidegger*

Miguel de Beistegui, *Heidegger and the Political: Dystopias*

Jacques Derrida, *Of Spirit: Heidegger and the Question*

Dominique Janicaud, *The Shadow of That Thought*

*Philippe Lacoue-Labarthe, "Transcendence Ends in Politics," in *Typography: Mimesis, Philosophy, Politics*

Philippe Lacoue-Labarthe, *Heidegger, Art, and Politics: The Fiction of the Political*

Karl Löwith, *Martin Heidegger and European Nihilism*

Jean-François Lyotard, *Heidegger and "the Jews"*

Günther Neske & Emil Kettering (eds.), *Martin Heidegger and National Socialism: Questions and Answers*

Christopher Rickey, *Revolutionary Saints: Heidegger, National Socialism, and Antinomian Politics*

*Thomas Sheehan, "Heidegger and the Nazis," *New York Review of Books*, June 16, 1988
www.nybooks.com/articles/4397

Hans Sluga, *Heidegger's Crisis: Philosophy and Politics in Nazi Germany*

*Catherine Zuckert, "Martin Heidegger: His Philosophy and His Politics,"

Political Theory, Vol. 18, No. 1 (Feb., 1990), pp. 51-79 (JSTOR)

Other secondary literature

Theodor Adorno, *The Jargon of Authenticity*

Robert Bernasconi, *Heidegger in Question: The Art of Existing*

Walter A. Brogan, *Heidegger and Aristotle: The Twofoldness of Being*

*John Caputo, "Meister Eckhart and the Later Heidegger: The Mystical Element in Heidegger's Thought," *Journal of the History of Philosophy* – Vol. 12, No. 4, Oct. 1974, 470-94, vol.13, No. 1, January 1975, pp. 61-80 (JSTOR)

*Jacques Derrida, "Ousia and Gramme: Note on a Note from *Being and Time*," in *Margins of Philosophy* (Blackboard)

David Couzens Hoy, "[Forgetting the Text: Derrida's Critique of Heidegger](#)," [boundary 2](#), Vol 8, no. 1 The Problems of Reading in Contemporary American Criticism: A Symposium (Autumn, 1979), pp. 223-236 (JSTOR)

*Fred R. Dallmayr, "[Ontology of Freedom: Heidegger and Political Philosophy](#)," [Political Theory](#) Vol. 12, No. 2 (May, 1984), pp. 204-234 (JSTOR)

*Robert Dostal, "[Friendship and Politics: Heidegger's Failing](#)," [Political Theory](#) Vol. 20, No. 3 (Aug., 1992), pp. 399-423 (JSTOR)

Hubert Dreyfus, *Being-in-the-World: A Commentary on Heidegger's Being and Time, Division I*

Hubert Dreyfus, "Heidegger on the Connection between Nihilism, Art, Technology , and Politics," in *Cambridge Companion to Heidegger* (Blackboard)

Hubert Dreyfus and Mark Wrathall, eds., *A Companion to Heidegger*

Luc Ferry, Alain Renaut, Franklin Philip, *Heidegger and Modernity*

Christopher Fynsk, *Heidegger: Thought and Historicity*

Hans-Georg Gadamer, *Heidegger's Ways*

*William Galston, "Heidegger's Plato," *The Philosophical Forum* 13, 4 (Summer 1982):371-84 (Blackboard)

Michael Allen Gillespie, *Hegel, Heidegger, and the Ground of History*

Joanne Hodge, *Heidegger and Ethics*

Theodore Kisiel, *The Genesis of Heidegger's Being and Time*

Hans Köchler, *God in the Thought of Martin Heidegger*, in: S. A. Matczak (ed.), *God in Contemporary Thought*

*Lawrence Lampert, "[On Heidegger and Historicism](#)," [Philosophy and Phenomenological Research](#) Vol. 34, No. 4 (June, 1974), pp. 586-590 (JSTOR)

Karl Löwith, *Martin Heidegger and European Nihilism*

*Karl Löwith, "[M. Heidegger and F. Rosenzweig or Temporality and Eternity](#)," [Philosophy and Phenomenological Research](#) Vol. 3, No. 1 (Sep., 1942), pp. 53-77 (JSTOR)

Werner Marx, *Heidegger and the Tradition*

William McNeill, *The Glance of the Eye: Heidegger, Aristotle, and the Ends of Theory*

William McNeill, *The Time of Life: Heidegger and Ethos*

*Jean-Luc Nancy, "The Decision of Existence," in *The Birth to Presence*

Robert B. Pippin, 'Nietzsche, Heidegger, and the Metaphysics of Modernity', in Keith Ansell-Pearson (ed.), *Nietzsche and Modern German Thought* (Blackboard)

François Raffoul and David Pettigrew, ed., *Heidegger and Practical Philosophy*

*Paul Ricoeur, "The Critique of Subjectivity and Cogito in Heidegger," in Manfred Frings, ed. *Heidegger and the Quest for Truth* (Blackboard)

*Richard Rorty, "Heidegger, Contingency, Pragmatism," in *Essays on Heidegger and Others*

John Sallis ed., *Reading Heidegger: Commemorations*, including articles by Robert Bernasconi, Jacques Derrida, Rodolphe Gasché, and John Sallis, among others.

Reiner Schürmann, *Heidegger on Being and Acting: From Principles to Anarchy*

Thomas Sheehan and Theodore Kieiel, *Becoming Heidegger: On the Trail of his Early Occasional Writings*

Hans Sluga, "Heidegger's Nietzsche," in Blackwell's Companion to Heidegger (Blackboard)

Herbert Spiegelberg, *The Phenomenological Movement*

*Franco Volpi, "Being and Time: A Translation of the Nicomachean Ethics?," in *Reading Heidegger From the Start*, ed. Theodore Kisiel and John van Buren (Handout)

*Stephen K. White, "[Heidegger and the Difficulties of a Postmodern Ethics and Politics](#)," [Political Theory](#) Vol. 18, No. 1 (Feb., 1990), pp. 80-103 (JSTOR)

*Rafal Kazimierz Wilk, "On Human Being: A Dispute between Edith Stein and Martin Heidegger," *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* Vol. 10, No. 4, Fall 2007, pp. 104-119 (Project Muse)

Catherine Zuckert, *Postmodern Platos: Nietzsche, Heidegger, Gadamer, Strauss, Derrida*