

Philosophy of Language
PH238
LSE 2022-3

Module Guide

1. General information

This course is available on the BSc in Philosophy and Economics, BSc in Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method, BSc in Philosophy, Politics and Economics and BSc in Politics and Philosophy. This course is available as an outside option to students on other programmes where regulations permit and to General Course students.

Value: Half Unit

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This year, lectures will be given by Dr Giacomo Giannini [g.giannini@lse.ac.uk] and Prof. Anna Mahtani [a.mahtani@lse.ac.uk]

2. Lecture schedule

The first half of the module will be delivered by prof Mahtani. The second part will be delivered by dr Giannini. **This is the module guide only for the second part of the course**

Part 2

Week 7: Theories of Truth

Week 8: Rule-Following Paradox

Week 9: Speech acts

Week 10: Slurs

Week 11: Silencing & Pornography

3. Assessment

This module is assessed by mean of:

a 2500-word essay, due in ST week 1, which will count for 50% of the mark.

To help prepare for the both, you will be required to write a 1,500-word formative essay, due at the end of week 7. This may not be a draft of the summative assignment. Summative essay's questions will cover both parts of the module.

The essay questions will be released four weeks before the deadline. Written feedback will be provided for all essays.

4. Seminars Readings

Week 7. Price, Huw 2003, "Truth as Convenient Friction", *Journal of Philosophy*, 100(4): 167–190. doi:10.5840/jphil200310048

James, William, 1907 [1975], *Pragmatism: A New Name for Some Old Ways of Thinking*, New York and London: Longmans, Green & Co.; reprinted Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1975.

Week 8. Kripke, Saul 1982, *Wittgenstein on Rules and Private Language*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. [Chapters 1 & 2]

Week 9. Hanks, Peter 2018. Types of Speech acts. In Fogal, Harris, Moss (eds.) *New Work on Speech Acts*.

Austin, J. L. 1975: *How to Do Things with Words*. Second edition. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press [excerpts]

Week 10. Kukla, Rebecca 2018. Slurs, Interpellation, and Ideology. *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 56

Camp, Elizabeth. 2013. "Slurring Perspectives." *Analytic Philosophy* 54 (3): 330–49.

Week 11. Langton, Rae 1993. Speech Acts and Unspeakable Acts. *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 22 (4): 293-330

Mikkola, Mari 2019. Fixing pornography's illocutionary force: which context matters? *Philosophical Studies*