This course will consider a number of recent and currently influential writings on philosophy of psychology in mainstream anglophone philosophy, against a background of Frege and Wittgenstein. The main issues will be ones in perception and in cognition (specifically, propositional attitudes); and the connections between these two things. Representation will be a central theme running throughout. You can get a better idea of specifics by consulting the readings below. These will be the central, but not necessarily the only, readings in the course. The papers by Campbell and McDowell are responses to Tyler Burge’s paper. They will, accordingly, come after Burge. Fodor will come last. Most likely Block will come first.

**Current mainstream readings:**


Fodor, Jerry: *LOT II*, OUP 2008, chapters 1, 2, 6, 7. (We will probably also need to read *Psychosemantics*, chapter 4.)
McDowell, John, “Tyler Burge on Disjunctivism” in *Philosophical Explorations* for 2010.

**Background:**


_____ “The Thought”, *Beiträge zur Philosophie des deutschen Idealismus* 2, 1918-1919, pp. 58-77


_____ *Last Writings*, vol. 2.

**Note:** It is a bit difficult to isolate Frege’s main points (for our purpose) in a small number of works. There may be references to others.

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