Basic information

Credits: 20
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Consultation time: tba
Semester: 1
Lecture time and venue*:

Module description (plus aims and objectives)

The British phenomenologist Gilbert Ryle run in the late 1920 a lecture course with the title “Bolzano, Brentano, Husserl and Meinong: Four Austrian Realists”. In Oxford this course was known as ‘Ryle’s three Austrian mountain railway stations and a chinese game of chance’. The module will revisited two of the Austrian railway stations (Brentano, Husserl) and explore the connections between them and, time permitting, philosophers in the same tradition such as Ryle and Sartre. The course is essential to come to grips with the development of continental philosophy. The main topics are intentionality, consciousness and time perception.

Assessment methods and deadlines

Formative: one essay: 2000-3000 words.
Summative one essay 4000 words

Outline of lecture topics (plus suggested readings)

Week 1: Two Arguments from Aristotle
Readings:
Aristotle, De Anima 3.2.

Week 2: Brentano on Aristotle’s Arguments
Reading:

Brentano: *Psychology from an Empirical Standpoint*. Book 2, chapter 2, sect. 8

**Week 3: Inner Perception and Consciousness**
Reading:

*Psychology from an Empirical Standpoint*. Book 2, chapter 2.

**Week 4: Husserl’s Critique of Brentano’s Theory of Consciousness**

**Week 5: Criteria of the Mental**
Readings:

*Psychology from an Empirical Standpoint*. Book 2, chapter 2.

**Week 6: Husserl’s Criticism of Brentano’s View of Intentionality**

**Week 7: The Intentionality of Pleasure and Emotion**
Readings

**Week 8: Unity of Consciousness**
Reading: *Psychology from an Empirical Standpoint*, Book 2, chapter 4.

**Week 9: Noticing, Attending and the Method Descriptive Psychology**

**Week 10: Husserl on Perception**

Readings:


**Further Reading:**

