

Philosophy 190: David Lewis

Short Writing Assignment 6

Due Thurs., May 15.

Instructions

Note: this assignment is for students in Group II *only* (see syllabus for a list of group assignments).

Please respond to the following question in two pages or less (double spaced). (Needless to say this should be your own original work.)

In “Academic appointments: Why ignore the advantage of being right?”, Lewis’s final answer is that different schools of philosophy have a tacit treaty with each other to ignore their differences for the purpose of hiring. Is that treaty supposed to be a convention, a social contract, or something else? Support your answer by referring to Lewis’s definitions in “Languages and language.”