

Philosophy 190P

Response/Analysis Paper 5

Instructions

Note: this assignment, due Nov. 13, is for students in Group II (Judd, Kieffe) *only*.

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

In *Ideas* §32, Husserl makes a connection between “attempted doubt” and the peculiar modification or change in attitude which he calls *ἐποχή* (*epochē*). On the other hand, he says that *ἐποχή* is not exactly the same thing as Descartes’s attempted doubt, because “in the attempt to doubt . . . the ‘excluding’ is brought about in and with a modification of counter positing, namely the ‘supposition’ of non-being” (p. 59). In other words, the attempt to doubt, unlike the *ἐποχή*, involves *supposing that our original positing was wrong*. How is Husserl’s proposed phenomenological therefore related to (similar to and different from) Descartes’s universal attempted doubt (in procedure, scope, and/or aim)?