

Phil 290P: Levinas
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Tuesday and Thursday, 5:20–6:55pm, Hum 1 400

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Course Requirements

Seminar participation. You should be prepared to ask at least one brief question about the reading, or make at least one brief comment about it or one brief objection to it.

One in-class presentation (approximately 15 minutes). The presentation should be aimed at getting seminar discussion started on a certain day.

One final paper (approximately 15–20 pages), due Wednesday, December 7 (via the Assignments tool on eCommons), on a topic related to the course to be determined by the student (with advice from the instructor if desired).

You can find answers to some commonly asked questions about my assignments and grading in my FAQ (<https://people.ucsc.edu/~abestone/courses/faq.html>).

Texts

Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy / Meditationes de prima philosophia: A Bilingual Edition*, tr. G. Heffernan (Notre Dame, 1990) (ISBN: 0268013810).

Levinas, *Totality and Infinity: An Essay on Exteriority*, tr. A. Lingis (Duquesne, 1969) (ISBN: 0820702455).

These texts should be available at the Literary Guillotine, and are also on reserve at McHenry. Readings from Husserl's *Cartesian Meditations* will be available on eCommons.

Readings

Thursday, September 22: no reading, first class.

Tuesday, September 27: Descartes, *First, Second and Third Meditations* (pp. 87–149).

Thursday, September 29: Husserl, *Cartesian Meditations*, §§1–3 (pp. 1–9) and 7–14 (pp. 17–33) (Introduction and parts of the First and Second Meditations).

Tuesday, October 4: **No class** due to the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

Wednesday, October 5: (10:30am, place T.B.D.) Husserl, *Cartesian Meditations*, §§42–9 (pp. 89–108) (beginning of the Fifth Meditation).

Thursday, October 6: : Husserl, *Cartesian Meditations* §§50–54 (pp. 108–120) (more of the Fifth Meditation); *Totality and Infinity*, Preface (pp. 21–30).

Tuesday, October 11: **No class** due to Yom Kippur.

Thursday, October 13: *Totality and Infinity*, I.A (pp. 33–52).

Tuesday, October 18: **no class** due to the second day of Sukkot.

Thursday, October 20: *Totality and Infinity*, I.B.1–3 (pp. 53–70).

Tuesday, October 25: **No class** due to Simchat Torah.

Wednesday, October 26: (4pm, place T.B.D.): *Totality and Infinity*, I.B.4–7 (pp. 70–81).

Thursday, October 27: *Totality and Infinity*, I.C–D (pp. 82–105).

Tuesday, November 1: *Totality and Infinity*, II.A (pp. 109–121).

Thursday, November 3: *Totality and Infinity*, II.B–C (pp. 122–151).

Tuesday, November 8: *Totality and Infinity*, II.D (pp. 152–174).

Thursday, November 10: *Totality and Infinity*, II.E and III.A (pp. 175–193).

Tuesday, November 15: *Totality and Infinity*, III.B (pp. 149–219).

Thursday, November 17: *Totality and Infinity*, III.C (pp. 220–247).

Tuesday, November 22: *Totality and Infinity*, IV.A–C (pp. 251–269).

Thursday, November 24: **No class (Thanksgiving)**

Tuesday, November 29: *Totality and Infinity*, IV.D–G (pp. 270–285).

Thursday, December 1: *Totality and Infinity*, Conclusions (pp. 289–307).

Wednesday, December 7: **final paper due.**