

Philosophy of Language

* Indicates required reading. Other texts are optional. They may be helpful when writing essays questions or exploring an issue further but won't be necessary to understand the lecture. A bit of information about the optional texts (e.g. how to read them) will be given out during the lecture.

1. Sense & Reference

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2. Natural Kind Externalism & Internalism

* Putnam, H. 1973. Meaning and reference. *The Journal of Philosophy* 70: 699–711.

Farkas, K. 2008. Semantic internalism and externalism. In E. Lepore and B. C. Smith (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Language*. Oxford University Press.

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3. Social Externalism and its Discontents

*Wikforss, Å 2001. Social Externalism and Conceptual Error, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 50, No. 213

Quine, W.V. 1951. Two Dogmas of Empiricism (esp. section 6). *The Philosophical Review*. 60 (1): 20–43

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*Leslie, Sarah-Jane. 2017. The Original Sin of Cognition: Fear, Prejudice, and Generalization. *Journal of Philosophy* 114 (8): 393–421.

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*Grice, P. 1957 'Meaning'. *Philosophical Review*, 66: pp.377-388

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Gibert, M. 2008. "Social Convention Revisited," *Topoi*, 27: 5–16.

7. Meanings without Speakers

*Bender, E. Koller, A. 2020. 'Climbing towards NLU: On Meaning, Form, and Understanding in the Age of Data'. *Proceedings of the 58th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics*, pages 5185–5198

Clooney, F, X, 1987. 'Why the Veda Has No Author: Language as Ritual in Early Mīmāṃsā and Post-Modern Theology'. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Vol. 55, No. 4, pp. 659-684

Foucault, M. 1979. 'What is an Author' in *Textual Strategies: Perspectives in Post-Structuralist Criticism*, Cornell University Press

8. Assertion & Context

*Stalnaker, R. 1978: "Assertion," in *Syntax and Semantics 9: Pragmatics*, ed. P. Cole (New York: Academic Press), 315–22.

Stalnaker, R. 1998. "On the Representation of Context," *Journal of Logic, Language, and Information*,

9. Implicature & Pragmatics

*Grice, P. 1989 'Logic and Conversation'. In *Studies in the Way of Words*. Harvard University Press, pp.151-172.

Davis, W. 2019 'Implicature', *The Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy* (Fall 2019 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.)

Carston, R. 1991. *Implicature, Explicature, and Truth-Theoretic Semantics*. Pragmatics S. Davis. Oxford, Oxford University Press: 33-51.

10. Semantic Innovation

*Davidson, D. 1986 *A Nice Derangement of Epitaphs* In Ernest Lepore (ed.), *Truth and Interpretation: Perspectives on the Philosophy of Donald Davidson*. Blackwell. pp. 433--446

Reimer, M. 2004 *What malapropisms mean: A reply to Donald Davidson* *Erkenntnis* 60 (3):317-334

Camp, E. 2016. *Conventions' Revenge: Davidson, Derangement, and Dormativity*. *Inquiry* (Oslo), Vol.59(1), pp.113-138;

11. The Language of Philosophy

*Rorty, R. 1989. 'The Contingency of Language' in *Contingency, irony, and solidarity* Cambridge University Press

Brandom, R. 2020. "Rorty on Vocabularies" in *Revisiting Rorty* at <https://sites.pitt.edu/~rbrandom/Texts/Rorty%20on%20vocabularies%20in%20Revisiting%20Rorty.pdf>

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