

Poststructuralism

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The course focuses on what may be called "poststructuralism". However, since poststructuralism is evidently deeply embedded in the Western philosophical tradition, we shall also read some classical texts. The central themes of the course are basic philosophical issues such as identity and difference, the same and the other, the human and the non-human, what is and what is not.

Foucault, Michel: "The Discourse on Language". In: *The Archaeology of Knowledge*. Trans. A. M. Sheridan Smith. New York: Harper and Row, 1972, pp. 215–237.

Foucault, Michel: "What is Enlightenment?". In *EWF* I*. pp. 303-321.

additional reading: Kant, Immanuel: "An Answer to the Question: What is Enlightenment?" in Kant: *Practical Philosophy*. Trans. Mary Gregor. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996. pp. 11-23.

Foucault, Michel: *The Order of Things*. New York: Vintage, 1973, excerpts: "Preface" (pp. xvi-xxvi) and "Chapter 1: Las Meninas" (pp. 3-18.)

Foucault, Michel: "Structuralism and Post-structuralism". In *EWF* 2*, pp. 433-458.

additional reading: Nietzsche, Friedrich: "On Truth and Lies in a Nonmoral Sense". In: *Philosophy and Truth*. Trans. Daniel Breazeale. New Jersey: Humanities Press, pp. 79-91.

Foucault, Michel: "The Subject and Power ". In *EWF* 3*, pp. 326-348

Deleuze, Gilles: "How Do We Recognize Structuralism?". In *Desert Island and Other Texts 1953-1974*. Trans. Michael Taormina. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 2004, pp. 170-193.

Lacan, Jacques: "Seminar on 'The Purloined Letter'". *Yale French Studies* 1978, Issue 42, 39-72.

additional reading: Edgar Allan Poe: "The Purloined Letter". In: *Tales of Mystery and Imagination*. London, etc./Henry Frowde. 178-198.

Derrida, Jacques: "Structure, Sign and Play in the Discourse of the Human Sciences". In: *Writing and Difference*. Trans. Alan Bass. London and New York: Routledge, 2005. pp. 351-370.

Derrida, Jacques: "Différance". In: *Margins of Philosophy*. Trans. Alan Bass. Brighton: Harvester Press, 1982, pp. 1-28.

additional reading: Saussure, Ferdinand de (2011). *Course in General Linguistics*. Trans. Wade Baskin. New York: Columbia University Press, excerpt: pp. 88-89. (chess analogy)

Derrida, Jacques: *Of Grammatology*. Trans. Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1976, excerpts: "Preface" (pp. lxxxix-xc) + Part 1: "Exergue" + Chapter 1: "The End of the Book and the Beginning of Writing" (pp. 1-26)

Derrida, Jacques: "Foreigner Question". In *Of Hospitality*. Trans. Rachel Bowlby. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2000, pp. 3-73.

* EWF = Paul Rabinow ed.: *The Essential Works of Michel Foucault 1-3*. Trans. Robert Hurley and others. New York: The New Press, 1997-2001.