COURSE DETAIL

NIETZSCHE: NIHILISM AS A PHILO
Country Ireland
Host Institution University College Dublin
Program(s) University College Dublin
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Philosophy
UCEAP Course Number 102
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title NIETZSCHE: NIHILISM AS A PHILO
UCEAP Transcript Title NIETZSCHE: NIHILISM
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.70

Course Description
The course focuses first on the critical method of genealogy in Nietzsche's thinking. Students examine in which manner Nietzsche reads the philosophical tradition from Plato to Hegel, and why and how Nietzsche calls for a “reversal of Platonism” and consequently insists on the necessity to critically dismantle the predominance of inherited values and their hierarchies. This first analysis on Nietzsche's "method" of reading the philosophical tradition enables students to deploy the modalities for what the German philosopher calls a "renewal" of thinking through which is redefined the role and activity of human existence in history. This leads the course into a profound understanding of the four capital notions in Nietzsche's writings (nihilism, will to power, superman, and the eternal return of the same) which all culminate, according to Nietzsche, in the possibility to “think beyond onto-theological values” and thus towards the “force” of a “justice” for thinking which remains irreducible and thus dissociated from the traditional significance and “economy” of “truth.”

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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