COURSE DETAIL

READING PHILOSOPHERS
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Maastricht University – University College Maastricht
Program(s) University College Maastricht
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Philosophy
UCEAP Course Number 106
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title READING PHILOSOPHERS
UCEAP Transcript Title READING PHILOSOPHER
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
In this course, well known philosophical texts are read and analyzed in detail. Reading philosophers, that is, the reading of some of their primary texts, is not just a pleasure in itself: the more interesting philosophers are also famous stylists. But it is also important to read texts instead of always relying on handbooks or (Internet) encyclopedia to acquaint oneself central ideas of philosophers. There is a lot to learn from reading philosophers themselves, how they position themselves in the tradition of philosophy and in the contemporary intellectual debate, to determine what interesting problems are, and how one could go about searching answers or even solutions. Reading philosophers themselves also has merit for another reason: it turns out philosophers use a variety of writing styles and publication media like a scientific treatise, monograph, an essay, a collection of aphorisms or a novel. And last but not least: they provide best introduction into some of the classical philosophical problems like: What can we know? should we valuate? What is justice? Is there something like moral sense? This course focuses on a group of six philosophers: Plato, Spinoza, Voltaire, Schopenhauer, Wittgenstein, and Margalit. They are responsible for some of the philosophical work that has been produced in the western tradition.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
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