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CORC 1210 U9
Knowledge, Reality and Values
Materials: Spring 2012

Introduction (Week 1)

Course overview and background, Syllabus, Policies and Protocols, Queries

Epistemology (Weeks 2-4)

Knowledge

Plato, Theaetetus

<http://classics.mit.edu/Plato/theatu.html>

Rationalism and Skepticism (5-7)

Descartes, Renee: *Meditations on the First Philosophy* (1,2,3rd Meditations & an excerpt from the Sixth meditation)

<http://www.classicallibrary.org/descartes/meditations/>

Metaphysics (Weeks 5- 9)

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (<http://plato.stanford.edu/>)

It is an outstanding and ever-growing collection of survey articles on various philosophical topics, written by experts. (I'll specify which parts you need to read; you may use as a supplemental source)

The Nature of Metaphysics

Immanuel Kant: Metaphysics (Parts 1,2,3,5,7)

<http://www.iep.utm.edu/kantmeta/>

Glanzberg, 'Truth' <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/truth/>

Literary Work

Borge, Jorge L: Tlön, Uqbar, Orbis Tertius

http://art.yale.edu/file_columns/0000/0066/borges.pdf

Values (Weeks 10-13)

Mill, John S.: Utilitarianism (Chapters 1-3)

<http://www.utilitarianism.com/mill3.htm>

John Rawls (Sections 1-3)

<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/rawls/>

Metaethics

Congress Holding Military Accountable for Killing Animals!

<http://www.all-creatures.org/articles/ar-Congress.html>

If time permits, issues of Personal Identity, Freedom, and Social Responsibility will also be examined and explored. Articles will be distributed in class or placed on Blackboard.

Case Study: Doubt, The Matrix (films)

Grades

1. Attendance and Participation: 10%
2. First Response Paper: 20%
3. Midterm Exam: 25%
4. Second Response Paper: 20%
5. Final Exam: 25%

Syllabus in its entirety will be found on Blackboard.