

PHIL 3530      Philosophy of Language

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What exactly is meaning? What is the relationship between what we say and what we mean? What sorts of things are the bearers of meaning: words/sentences, thoughts/people, or something else? Do we really all mean the same thing by our words? How do our words and thoughts “reach out and touch” the world? Is language necessarily a social phenomenon or might one have a “private” language? This class surveys 20th Century philosophy’s most influential attempts to answer these and related questions.

