

● (科目名) 哲学 (演習 I)
(英訳) Philosophy (Seminar I)

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(曜時限) 水曜日 3 限 (教室) 未定 (授業形態) 特殊講義 (使用言語) 英語

(題目) Introduction to Analytic Asian Philosophy (前期)

(授業の概要・目的)

This course will cover core topics in philosophy of time, metaphysics, and philosophy of mind with an eye toward helping students acquire solid background in the fundamentals of analytic philosophy to maximize the quality of their study of all areas of philosophy.

Our engagement with time is a ubiquitous feature of our lives. We are aware of time on many scales, from the briefest flicker of change to the way our lives unfold over many years. But to what extent does this encounter reveal the true nature of temporal reality? To the extent that temporal reality is as it seems, how do we come to be aware of it? And to the extent that temporal reality is not as it seems, why does it seem that way? These are the central questions addressed by Simon Prosser in *Experiencing Time*. These questions take on a particular importance in philosophy for two reasons.

First, there is a view concerning the metaphysics of time, known as the B-theory of time, according to which the apparently dynamic quality of change, the special status of the present, and even the passage of time are all illusions. Instead, the world is a four-dimensional space-time block, lacking any of the apparent dynamic features of time. If the B-theory is correct, as the book argues, then it must be explained why our experiences seem to tell us otherwise.

Second, experiences of temporal features such as changes, rates and durations are of independent interest because of certain puzzles that they raise, the solutions to which may shed light on broader issues in the philosophy of mind.

(到達目標)

We shall aim to gain deep and accurate understanding of the contemporary analytic philosophical method by studying various connected topics in philosophy of time. We shall strive to cultivate philosophical and linguistic abilities to enable us to engage in intellectual discussion of the highest degree of sophistication in English.

(授業計画と内容)

We will read *Experiencing Time* by Simon Prosser (Oxford University Press, 2016), in which Prosser defends the so-called B-theory of time. We will critically examine his expositions of views and arguments in philosophy of time. Here is the book's table of contents:

1. Introduction: The Metaphysics of Time
2. Experience and the Passage of Time
3. Attitudes to the Past, Present, and Future
4. Experiencing Rates and Durations
5. Is Experience Temporally Extended?
6. Why does Change Seem Dynamic?
7. Moving Through Time, and the Open Future

Below is the TENTATIVE course schedule:

This schedule is subject to change at any time. [Any change will be announced in class.](#)

Date	Chapter	Section(s)	Writing Assignment
05/16	<i>Chapter 1</i>	Preliminaries	
05/23	<i>Chapter 1</i>	1.1 - 1.4	
05/30	<i>Chapter 1</i>	1.5	
06/06	<i>Chapter 1</i>	1.6.1	
06/13	<i>Chapter 1</i>	1.6.2	
06/20	<i>Chapter 1</i>	1.6.3	
06/27	<i>Chapter 2</i>	Pages 22 - 27	
07/04	<i>Chapter 2</i>	2.1 - 2.2	
07/11	<i>Chapter 2</i>	2.3	
07/18	<i>Chapter 2</i>	2.4	Writing Assignment Announced
07/25	<i>Chapter 2</i>	2.5 - 2.6	
07/30 2 nd period	<i>Chapter 2</i>	2.7	
07/30 3 rd period	<i>Chapter 2</i>	2.7	
07/31 2 nd period	<i>Chapter 2</i>	2.9	
07/31 3 rd period	<i>Chapter 2</i>	Wrapping It Up	
08/16	Not a Class Day		Writing Assignment due at 12:00 noon

(履修要件)

Ability to use English in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

(成績評価の方法・観点及び達成度)

レポートと平常点で評価する。

(教科書)

Experiencing Time, Simon Prosser (Oxford University Press, 2016), \$74.00, Hardcover, ISBN: 9780198748946

(参考書等)

- (1) *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Time*, ed. by Craig Callender (Oxford University Press, 2011), Chapters 1, 4, 5, 9, 12, 13, 15.

(授業外学習 (予習・復習) 等)

Read the text, and be prepared to ask questions and express opinions in class discussion.

Here are useful links:

James Pryor's Guidelines on Reading and Writing Philosophy:

<http://www.jimpryor.net/teaching/guidelines/reading.html>

<http://www.jimpryor.net/teaching/guidelines/writing.html>

Angela Mendelovici's Sample Philosophy Paper:

https://prezi.com/z4h1_fwilbxj/a-sample-philosophy-paper/

(その他 (オフィスアワー等))

You are encouraged to ask questions inside and outside the classroom, in person or via email. Office hours are held by appointment; email me to make an appointment. All discussion in class and other communication concerning this course should be conducted in English. Do not be afraid to make a mistake (linguistic or philosophical). Keep a positive attitude about participation and speak up! Silence is NOT golden.