

PHI 540: Hyperintensional Metaphysics

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Syllabus (first half)

Feb 4th: Introduction to Ground

- Primary Readings:
 - Kit Fine, “Guide to Ground”
 - Jonathan Schaffer, “On What Grounds What”
- Secondary Readings:
 - Karen Bennett, “Construction Area (No Hard Hat Required)”
 - Kit Fine, “The Question of Realism”
 - Carrie Jenkins, “Is Metaphysical Dependence Reflexive?”

Feb 11th: Ground and Purity

- Primary Reading:
 - Ted Sider, “Writing the Book of the World” Chapter 7, Chapter 8 pp. 164–178.

Feb 18th: Ground and Real Definition

- Primary Readings:
 - Gideon Rosen, “Metaphysical Dependence: Grounding and Reduction”
 - Kit Fine, “Senses of Essence”
- Secondary Readings:
 - Kit Fine, “Necessity and Non-Existence”
 - Kathrin Koslicki, “Varieties of Ontological Dependence”

Feb 25th: Applications of Ground Part 1: Space

- Primary Readings:
 - Lawrence Sklar, “Space, Time and Spacetime” pp. 155—181.
 - Paul Teller, “The Ins and Outs of Counterfactual Switching”
- Secondary Readings:
 - Oliver Pooley, “Points, Particles and Structural Realism”

March 4th: Guest Speaker: Hofweber!

- Readings to be determined.

March 11th: Applications of Ground Part 2: Individuals

- Primary Readings:
 - Shamik Dasgupta, “Individuals: An Essay in Revisionary Metaphysics”
 - Shamik Dasgupta, “On the Plurality of Grounds”
- Secondary Readings:
 - James Ladyman, “On the Identity and Diversity of Objects in a Structure”