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SYLLABUS FOR CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY

Week of January 12  M: lecture “What is Contemporary Philosophy?”
W: Dostoevsky “The Grand Inquisitor” from The Brothers Karamazov*
F: Kierkegaard from Marino 7-23

Week of January 21  M: Martin Luther King Day
W: Quiz 1 Kierkegaard 24-39
F: 42-62/from Kaufmann p. 110-120

Week of January 26  M: Quiz 2 Nietzsche p 112-144
W: Nietzsche p 145-187
F: Nietzsche from Kaufmann “Live Dangerously” p. 121-133

Week of February 2  M. Quiz 3 M: Unamuno p 257-294
W: Husserl*
F: Husserl*

Week of February 9  M: Quiz 4 Husserl*
W: Husserl*
F: Heidegger from Marino 299-322

Week of February 16  M: Quiz 5 Heidegger from Marino 323-336
W: Heidegger The Question Concerning Technology p xiii-xxxix
F: Heidegger The Question Concerning Technology 3-35

Week of February 23  M: Quiz 6 The Question Concerning Technology 53-112
W: Sartre p 341-367
F: Sartre p. 370-409

Week of March 2  M: from Kaufmann Sartre Portrait of the Anti-Semite p 329-344
W: MID-TERM EXAMINATION
F: The Trial*

Week of March 9  SPRING BREAK

Week of March 16  M: Quiz 7 Kafka “Three Parables”*
W: deBeauvoir p. 413-436
F: deBeauvoir from The Second Sex*

Week of March 23  M: PAPER TOPICS DUE (with two sources)
from Kaufmann Ortega “Man Has No Nature”
W: from Kaufmann Jaspers Existenzphilosophie p. 158-185
F: Existenzphilosophe

Week of March 30
M: Quiz 8 “Kierkegaard and Nietzsche” from Kaufmann p. 185-211
W: Marcel “What is a Free Man?” from “The Mystery of Being”*
F: Easter Break

Week of April 6
M: Quiz 9 from “The Stranger,”* “The Fall,”* from Sartre*
W: from Marino Camus 183-201
F: Lyotard, The Postmodern Condition

Week of April 13
M: Quiz 10 The Postmodern Condition
W: The Postmodern Condition
F: “What Is Postmodernity?”

Week of April 20
M: Quiz 11 “What Is Postmodernity?”
W: Edith Stein from Finite and Eternal Being*
F: Finite and Eternal Being*

Week of April 27
M: Quiz 12 Levinas from Totality and Infinity*
W: Levinas from Totality and Infinity*
F: Review

May 13
Final Examination

Required Readings:
Walter Kaufmann, Existentialism from Dostoevsky to Sartre, ISBN: 978-0-452-00930-1
Other Readings in Blackboard

Grading:
12 quizzes 30 pts
Topics 5 pts
Mid-Term 15 pts
Paper 20 pts
Final 25 pts
Participation 5 pts
Total 100 pts

Paper Requirements: An eight to ten page paper on an approved topic, which includes a thesis statement, research (four sources, only two of which can come from the net), argument and conclusion. Students may choose to write on the philosophers we studied in class or any approved others, including Kant, late 19thc through 2015.