Early Modern Philosophy of the Mind

March 3\textsuperscript{rd}-5\textsuperscript{th} and 10\textsuperscript{th}-12\textsuperscript{th} 2014
University of Jyväskylä
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Course Description:
Early modern philosophy of mind stands out due to two paradigmatic shifts. First, the topic of consciousness begins to take centre stage in that Cartesians propagate it as a new mark of the mental. Second, the theory of ideas replaces the Aristotelian account of intentionality in terms of species. The aim of the course is to trace the development of conceptions of consciousness and ideas in early modern philosophy. In order to do so, we will take a close look at the respective accounts presented by René Descartes, John Locke, Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, and Thomas Reid. Whereas the first three authors are proponents of the “new way of ideas”, Reid develops severe objections to it.
Participants should read the indicated primary and secondary material in advance. The topic of this course will be approached through the teachers and students discussing the texts together. The material will be made available to the registered participants.

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Course Program:

WEEK 1 (3-5 March 2014)

Monday, 12-14 – DESCARTES ON THINKING SUBSTANCE AND THOUGHT

Primary Sources
• Meditations, Synopsis [AT VII 13-14], Meditation 2 [esp. AT VII 28], Meditation 3 [esp. AT VII 36-37], and Meditation 6 [esp. AT VII 78 & 86-87]
• From the 2nd Replies [AT VII 160-3]
• Principles of Philosophy I.9 [AT VIIIIB 7-8], I.52-54 [AT VIIIIB 25-26], and I.63-64 [AT VIIIIB 30-31]

Secondary Sources
• Cottingham, “Descartes on Thought”, 1978
• Hatfield, Routledge Guide to Meditations, 2003 (general background)

Tuesday, 9-11 and 12-14 – DESCARTES ON IDEAS AND CONSCIOUSNESS

Primary Sources
• Meditations, preface [esp. AT VII 8] and Meditation 3 [esp. AT VII 36-38 and AT VII 43-44]
• From the 1st Replies [AT VII 101-103]
• From the 2nd Replies [AT VII 160-3]
• From the 4th Replies [AT VII 232-233]
From the 4th Replies [AT VII 246]
From the 7th Replies [AT VII 559]
From the letter to Arnauld 29 July 1648 [AT V 221]
From the letter to Gibieuf [AT III 478]
Principles of Philosophy I.9 [AT VIIIB 7-8]
From the Conversation with Burman [AT V 149]

Secondary Sources
- Smith, "Descartes' Theory of Ideas", The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy
- Simmons, “Cartesian Consciousness Reconsidered”

Wednesday, 9-11 and 12-14 – LOCKE ON IDEAS, CONSCIOUSNESS, AND PERSONAL IDENTITY

Primary Sources
- Essay II.i, II.xxvii.9-29

Secondary Sources
- Lähteenmäki, “The Sphere of Experience in Locke”
- Winkler, “Locke on Personal Identity”

WEEK 2 (10-12 March 2014)

Monday, 12-14 – LEIBNIZ ON MONADS AND PERCEPTION

Primary Sources
- “Principles of Nature and Grace” §§1-5
- “Monadology” §§1-30

Secondary Sources

Tuesday, 9-11 and 12-14 – LEIBNIZ ON THOUGHT, IDEAS, APPERCEPTION, AND CONSCIENTIA

Primary Sources
- “Quid sit idea”
- “Principles of Nature and Grace” §§1-5, “Monadology” §§1-30
- New Essays, Preface [esp. RB 44-59] and Book II [esp. 109-121 and 129-139]

Secondary Sources
- Simmons, “Changing the Cartesian Mind”
- Bolton, “Leibniz’s Theory of Cognition”
Wednesday, 9-11 and 12-14 –
REID AGAINST THE ‘NEW WAY OF IDEAS’ AND HIS ACCOUNT OF CONSCIOUSNESS

Primary Sources
- *Essays on the intellectual Powers of Man*: I.1.10 [pp. 224-6], II.8 [pp. 267-280], and II.15 [pp.306-309]

Secondary Sources
- Copenhaver, “Thomas Reid’s Philosophy of Mind”
- Copenhaver, “Reid on Consciousness”
- Yaffe, “Reid on Consciousness and Attention”