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| Code of course: **BA-ERA-IPH-S-19, MA-ERA-IPH-S-19** |
| Title of course: **Topics in the Philosophy of Action** |
| Lecturer: **Jamie Elliott** |
| **General aim of the course:**  This course addresses topics in the philosophy of action and offers an introduction to various debates and historical positions of the field.  **Content of the course:** The course begins by offering an introduction to Wittgenstein’s later philosophical project and how he sought to realise it through developing a philosophy of language. We will then consider various ways in which Wittgenstein’s project has been interpreted by or inspired later thinkers including Elizabeth Anscombe and Hilary Putnam.  Session One: Approaching Wittgenstein’s later work.  Session Two: Wittgenstein's philosophical vision and one way to achieve it.  Session Three: Accounts of meaning which Wittgenstein critiques  Session Four: The account of meaning in the *Philosophical Investigations* (1958)  Session Five: Was Wittgenstein a common-sense philosopher?  Session Six: Is this a dream?  Session Seven: Introspection and the metaphysics of mind  Session Eight: What am I?  Session Nine: Am I a brain in a vat?  Session Ten: Goodness  Session Eleven: Madness  Session Twelve: Hinge epistemology  **Grading criteria, specific requirements:**  Grades will be based on an essay (1500-3000 words). Although essay questions will be provided, participants are strongly encouraged to develop their own paper/project in response to material from the course. |