**Formal Approaches to Wittgenstein's Early Philosophy of Language**

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| **Prerequisites** | There are no prerequisites for this course. |
| **Description** | This is a reading seminar. We will focus on Wirtgenstein's philosophy of language, and read parts of the *Tractatus* and the *Philosophical Investigations*. The key topics to discuss will be   * the picture theory of language; * the ineffability of semantics; * the concept of language game; * the theory of meaning as use; * the problem of following a rule; * the possibility of a private language.   We will discuss each of these topics in two sessions. |
| **Literature** | Primary   * *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*. Translated by D. Pears and B. McGuinness. Routledge, 1961. * *Philosophical Investigations*. Translated by M. Anscombe. Blackwell, 1953.   Secondary   * H-J. Glock, *A Wittgenstein Dictionary*. Wiley-Blackwell, 1996. * D. Pears, *Wittgenstein*. Fontana, 1971. * Hallett, G., *A Companion to Wittgenstein's 'Philosophical Investigations'*. Cornell UP, 1977. * Stenius, E., *Wittgenstein's Tractatus*. Blackwell, 1960.   ...and many other possible titles, according to Student demand! |