**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! |