

Syllabus: Epistemology of Memory

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Tuesday 10:00-11:30

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Course Description

How is memory related to knowledge and justification? ‘How do we have knowledge and justification not only in the presence but over time?’ seems to be the appropriate counter question to answer the first question. This is what epistemology of memory is all about. It does not only concern itself with knowledge and justification in the presence but also with knowledge and justification over time.

In this course, we will explore the nature of memory and how its relation to knowledge and justification possibly looks like. We will particularly look into the questions of whether memory is related to consciousness, respectively, how much of it, how our memories are caused, how memory differs from other phenomena such as imagination, how truthful we actually remember something and whether remembering is all memory is actually supposed to do.

Course Schedule

Week 1: Introduction to memory, how does memory work?

Week 2: Introduction to memory, how does memory work?

Week 3: The nature of memory

Required reading:

Remembering, C.B. Martin and Max Deutscher

Week 4: The nature of memory

Required reading:

The phenomenology of memory, Fabrice Teroni

Week 5: The nature of memory

Required reading:

The extended mind, Andy Clark, David Chalmers

Week 6: The nature of memory

Required reading:

Memory and imagination, Felipe De Brigard

Week 7: Internalism and Externalism in Memory

Required reading:

Internalism and externalism, Brent J. C. Madison

Week 8: The nature of memory

Required reading:

The information effect: Constructive memory, testimony and epistemic luck, Kourken Michaelian

Week 9: Generativism

Required reading:

Memory as a generative epistemic source, Jennifer Lackey

Week 10: Preservationism

Required reading:

Preserving Preservationism: A Reply to Lackey, Thomas D. Senior

Grading

Deadline: 12th December 2022

Either: One (four page long) essay about a topic from the classes/or Epistemology of Memory in general

Or: Take-home exam