Course code: ???

Title of course: Philosophy of Language

Level: intermediate

Instructor: Csaba Olay

General aim of the course: The course addresses certain issues in the philososophy of language and offers an introduction into the main problems and historical positions of the field.

Required readings:

1. Plato: *Cratylos* 383a-390e

2. John Locke: *An Essay concerning Human understanding*. Book 3. ch. I-III.7.

3. Johann Gottfried Herder: *Treatise on the Origin of Language*, in: Philosophical Writings, Cambridge 2004, 77-89.

4. Wilhelm von Humboldt: *On language: On the Diversity of Human Language Construction and its Inﬂuence on the Mental Development of the Human Species*, Cambridge 1999. (excerpts to be announced)

5. Friedrich Schleiermacher: Hermeneutics and Criticism, in: *Hermeneutics and Criticism and Other Writings*. Cambridge 1998, pp. 5-29.

6. Gottlob Frege: On Sense and Nominatum, in: A. P. Martinich (ed.): *Philosophy of Language*. Oxford 1996 (several editions)

7. Bertrand Russel: On Denoting, in: A. P. Martinich (ed.): *Philosophy of Language*. Oxford 1996.

8. Ferdinand de Saussure: *Course in General Linguistics*. New York 2011, Part I, ch. 1-2, pp. 65-78.

9. Ludwig Wittgenstein: *Philosophical Investigations*, §§ 1-43.

10. John Austin: *How to Do Things with Words*, lecture 1-2 (several editions)

11. Willard van Orman Quine: Two Dogmas of Empiricism, in: A. P. Martinich (ed.): *Philosophy of Language*. Oxford 1996 (several editions)

12. Donald Davidson: Truth and Meaning, in: A. P. Martinich (ed.): *Philosophy of Language*. Oxford 1996.

Grading criteria : Grades are based on an oral exam about the mandatory readings or an essay (1500-3000 words) on topic discussed in the course.