

From Schopenhauer to Freud (Via Nietzsche): Depth Psychology and Philosophy

Thursdays 4:15 - 6:15 PM

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In this class, we will explore the often-remarked on connections and resonances between the works of Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, and Freud--all of whom have been, at one point or the other, anointed founders of 'depth psychology' for their explorations of 'the unconscious.' We will read original works and selections from the philosophical and psychological literature that explores these connections.

Course requirements:

A weekly 500-word response to the assigned reading: email this response to the class mailing list by midnight of the day before the class meeting.

A 3000-word term paper on a topic of your choosing (but approved by me); due on the last day of class. (Incompletes are bad for your soul.)

No laptops or phones in class; bring printouts of the readings to class meetings.

Readings and class schedule:

January 31: Introduction: Precursors and Predecessors

Sebastian Gardner, 'Eduard von Hartmann's *Philosophy of the Unconscious*', from *Thinking The Unconscious: Nineteenth Century German Thought*, A. Nicholls and M. Liebscher eds., Cambridge University Press, 2010.

February 7 & 14: Schopenhauer and the Unconscious

Arthur Schopenhauer, *World as Will and Representation*, Volume 2, Chapters 14, 15, 19, 22, 32, 42, 44, Dover Edition, E.F.J. Payne trans., ISBN 9780486217611

Schopenhauer on the Natural Unconscious: Species, Crowds, and Instincts.

<http://www.bbk.ac.uk/deviance/unconscious1/TheNaturalUnconscious/Schopenhauer/index.htm>

Dale Jacquette, 'Schopenhauer on the Metaphysics of the Unconscious,'

http://www.philosophie.uzh.ch/phgz/Abstract_Jacquette.pdf

Christopher Janaway, 'The real essence of human beings: Schopenhauer and the unconscious will,' from *Thinking The Unconscious*.

Sebastian Gardner, 'Schopenhauer, Will, and the Unconscious,' from *The Cambridge Companion to Schopenhauer*, Ed. Christopher Janaway, Cambridge University Press, 1999.

Michel Henry, *The Genealogy of Psychoanalysis*, Stanford University Press, Stanford, 1993. Chapters 5 and 6.

February 21 & 28: Nietzsche and the Unconscious

Robert Morrison, from *Nietzsche and Buddhism*, Oxford University Press, New York, 1999 (Chapter 12, 'Learning to See').

M. Liebscher, 'Friedrich Nietzsche's perspectives on the unconscious.' In *Thinking the Unconscious*.

Paul Katsafanas, *The Nietzschean Self: Moral Psychology, Agency, and the Unconscious*, Oxford University Press, 2016, Chapters 1-3.

Paul Katsafanas, 'Nietzsche's Theory of Mind: Consciousness and Conceptualization,' *European Journal of Philosophy* 13:1, pp. 1–31 <http://people.bu.edu/pkatsa/Mind.pdf>

Recommended: Paul Katsafanas, 'Nietzsche on the Nature of the Unconscious,' *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy* (Special Issue on Nietzsche's Moral Psychology).

March 7 & 14: Freud and the Unconscious

Sigmund Freud, [*The Unconscious*](#), Penguin Classics, 978-0141183886, 2005.

Sigmund Freud, (1912), 'A Note on the Unconscious in Psychoanalysis,' Standard Edition. Vol. 12, pp. 255-266

Günter Gödde, 'Freud and Nineteenth-Century Philosophical Sources on the Unconscious,' from *Thinking the Unconscious*.

Freud and Breuer, 'Unconscious Ideas,' from *Studies in Hysteria*, III (5): <http://www.bbk.ac.uk/deviance/unconscious1/PathtoPsychoAnalysis/StudiesHysteria/index.htm>

March 21: Schopenhauer and Nietzsche

João Constâncio, 'On Consciousness: Nietzsche's Departure from Schopenhauer,' *Nietzsche-Studien*, Volume 40, Issue 1, Pages 1–42,

March 28 & April 4: Nietzsche and Freud

Ronald Lehrer, [*Nietzsche's Presence in Freud's Thought and Ideas*](#), SUNY Press, Albany, 1994.

R. Lehrer, 'Freud and Nietzsche, 1892-1895.' In J. Golomb, W. Santaniello, & R. Lehrer (Eds.), *Nietzsche and depth psychology* (pp. 181-203). Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 1999.

S. Greer, 'Freud's "bad conscience": The case of Nietzsche's genealogy,' *Journal of the History of the Behavioural Sciences*, 38(3), 303-315, 2002.

M. Altman and C. Coe, *The Fractured Self in Freud and German Philosophy*, Palgrave Macmillan, New York, 2013. Introduction, Chapter 8.

April 11: Schopenhauer and Freud

R. K. Gupta, 'Freud and Schopenhauer,' *Journal of the History of Ideas* Vol. 36, No. 4 (Oct-Dec., 1975), pp. 721-728.

Young C, Brook A. , 'Schopenhauer and Freud', *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 1994 Feb; 75 (Pt 1):101-18.

Chapter 4 from *The Fractured Self in Freud and German Philosophy*

April 18: Nietzschean Depth Psychology

J. Golomb, 'Nietzsche's "new psychology".' In J. Golomb, W. Santaniello, & R. Lehrer (Eds.), *Nietzsche and depth psychology* (pp. 1-19). Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 1999

Paul Katsafanas, 'Nietzsche's Philosophical Psychology,' from *The Oxford Handbook on Nietzsche*, Oxford University Press, 2016

Ken Gemes, 'Freud and Nietzsche on Sublimation,' *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, No. 38 (Fall 2009), pp. 38-59

May 2 & 9: From Schopenhauer to Freud Via Nietzsche

Richard Askay, Jensen Farquhar, Preface, *Apprehending the Inaccessible: Freudian Psychoanalysis and Existential Phenomenology*, Northwestern University Press, 2006, Introduction, Chapters 1-3, 6-8.

J Dean, 'Psychoanalysis as a Philosophical Revolution: Freud's Divergence From The Philosophy of Kant, Schopenhauer, and Nietzsche', *Psychoanalytic Review*, 2016 Aug; 103(4):455-82.

R Grimwade, Freud's philosophical inheritance: Schopenhauer and Nietzsche in Beyond the Pleasure Principle. *Psychoanalytic Review*. 2012 Jun; 99 (3): 359-95.