

Great Modern Philosophers

Start date 2nd April 2017 **End date** 3rd April 2017

Venue Madingley Hall
Madingley
Cambridge

Tutor Dr Karim Esmail **Course code** 1617NTX004

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Tutor biography

Karim Esmail BA, MPhil, MPhil, PhD

Educated at Oxford, Cambridge, London, & Harvard.

Awarded a British Academy Studentship.

Awarded the Gregg Bury Prize, Cambridge.

Formerly, Research Fellow, Oxford and Visiting Fellow, Harvard and Burney Student, Cambridge.

He has published internationally.

Currently, he lectures at Oxford and Cambridge.

Course programme

Sunday

Please plan to arrive between 10:00 and 12:00. You can meet other course members in the bar. Tea and coffee making facilities are available in the study bedrooms.

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| 13:00 | Lunch |
| 14:30 – 16:00 | Descartes |
| 16:00 | Tea |
| 16:30 – 18:00 | Locke |
| 18:30 | Dinner |
| 20:00 – 21:30 | Berkeley |

Monday

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| 07:30 | Breakfast |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | Hume |
| 10:30 | Coffee |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | Marx |
| 12:45 | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | Wittgenstein |

Aims:

- To provide an understanding of some of the key elements in the thought of Descartes, Locke, Berkeley, Hume, Marx, and Wittgenstein.
- To enable students to *begin* to engage critically with their thought.

Content:

The modern period of the western tradition of philosophy begins in the 17th century.

This series of seminars considers some of the key elements in the thought of some of the greatest philosophers of this period.

These philosophers are Descartes, Locke, Berkeley, Hume, Kant, Marx, and Wittgenstein.

Presentation of the course:

Lectures (principally) and discussion

Outcomes:

As a result of the course, within the constraints of the time available, students should:

- Have an understanding of some of the key elements in the thought of Descartes, Locke, Berkeley, Hume, Marx, and Wittgenstein.
- Have an ability to *begin* to engage critically with their thought.

Reading and resources list

Listed below are a number of texts that might be of interest for future reference, but do not need to be bought (or consulted) for the course.

| Author | Title | Publisher and date |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| <u>Background reading</u> | | |
| Kenny., A., | <i>A New History of Western Philosophy</i> | (Oxford University Press, 2012) |
| <u>Further reading</u> | | |
| Cottingham, J., | <i>The Rationalists</i> | (Oxford University Press, 1998) |
| Kenny, A., | <i>The Rise of Modern Philosophy</i> | (Oxford University Press, 2006) |
| Woolhouse, R.S., | <i>The Empiricists</i> | (Oxford University Press, 1998) |

Note Students of the Institute of Continuing Education are entitled to 20% discount on books published by Cambridge University Press (CUP) which are purchased at the Press bookshop, 1 Trinity Street, Cambridge (Mon-Sat 9am – 5:30pm, Sun 11am – 5pm). A letter or email confirming acceptance on to a current Institute course should be taken as evidence of enrolment.

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