METAPHYSICS (CORE)

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Prof. R. Mendelsohn
Tuesday, 11:45am–1:45pm

SEMINAR 1 (August 28) The Paradox of Nonbeing

SEMINAR 2 (September 4) Ontological Commitment

SEMINAR 3 (September 11) Identity

SEMINAR 4 (September 25) Objects and Identity

SEMINAR 5 (October 2) Identity and Identification

SEMINAR 6 (October 9) Ontological Relativity

SEMINAR 7 (October 16) Reference and Descriptions
Saul Kripke (1980), Naming and Necessity, Ch 1

SEMINAR 8 (October 23) Three Grades of Modal Involvement

SEMINAR 9 (October 30) Rigid Designation
Saul Kripke (1980), Naming and Necessity Ch 2; David Lewis (1983), “Counterpart Theory and Quantified Modal Logic”
SEMINAR 10 (November 6) Natural Kind Terms

SEMINAR 11 (November 13) Properties

SEMINAR 12 (November 27) Mathematical Objects

SEMINAR 13 (December 4) Truth

SEMINAR 14 (December 11) Realism and Truth
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