

Advanced Course in Philosophy of Language: Empty Names and Indexicals

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Course Plan

21.3.	10-12	F347	Introduction	
28.3.	10-12	F347	cancelled	
4.4.	10-12	F347	Empty Names: Pragmatic Millianism	Taylor 2000; Green 2007
11.4.	10-12	F347	Gappy Propositions	Braun 2005; Everett 2003
18.4.	10-12	D231	Free Logic	Sainsbury 2005, chapter 3
25.4.	10-12	F331	Indexicals I	Kaplan 1989b
2.5.	10-12	F347	Indexicals II	Kaplan 1989b
16.5.	10-12	F331	True Demonstratives	Kaplan 1989b; Kaplan 1989a; Reimer 1991a; Reimer 1991b; Bach 1992a; Bach 1992b
23.5.	10-12	F331	The Problem of the Essential Indexical	Perry 1979

Examination: Take-home exam (choice of three out of five questions)

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