

Autumn 2023 FIL 217 / FIL 317: Wittgenstein Studies

Tuesdays 10:15-12:00, SPL, room 210

Weeks 34-44 (August 22 – October 31)

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❖ General course descriptions and reading list:

- <http://www.uib.no/en/course/FIL217>
- <http://www.uib.no/en/course/FIL317>

❖ Requirements:

- Passing grade for mid-term home assignment 6.-13.10.2023
- Passing grade for assignment paper  
(deadline for submission of assignment paper: 17.11.2023, 13:00)

- 1) Week 34-SS: [Introduction to the course; Background of the Tractatus in Frege and Russell](#) [Child ch. 2-3]
- 2) Week 35-SS: [Background of the Tractatus in Frege and Russell \(cont.\); Logic; The picture theory](#) [Child ch. 2-3]
- 3) Week 36-AP: [The elementary proposition; The molecular proposition; Truth functions; The colour exclusion problem; Nonsense and other problems with the Tractatus](#) [Child ch. 2-3]
- 4) Week 37-AP: [From the Tractatus to the later philosophy; The Investigations read in contrast to and in the light of the Tractatus; “Formfragen”; Behaving and acting](#) [Child ch. 4-5]
- 5) Week 38-AP: [Language game; Language game method; Form of life; Mistakes of the “Augustinian picture”](#) [Child ch. 4-5]
- 6) Week 39-AP: Family resemblance; Übersichtliche Darstellung; Grammar; Rules and Rule-following [Child ch. 4-5]
- 7) Week 40-SS: The private language argument [Child ch. 6]
- 8) Week 42-SS: Privacy [Child ch. 6]
- 9) Week 43-SS: Privacy (cont.); Philosophy of mathematics [Säätelä 2011]
- 10) Week 44-AP: Certainty; Cultural relativism?; Philosophy [Child ch. 7, Glock 1991, Stern 2006]

## References:

- William Child (2011): Wittgenstein. London: Routledge.
- Hans-Johann Glock (1991): “Philosophical Investigations section 128: ‘theses in philosophy’ and undogmatic procedure”. In: R. L. Arrington and H.-J. Glock (eds.): Wittgenstein’s Philosophical Investigations: Text and context. London: Routledge. pp. 69-88.
- Simo Säätelä (2011): “From Logical Method to ‘Messing About’: Wittgenstein on ‘Open Problems’ in Mathematics”. In: Oskari Kuusela, Marie McGinn (eds.): The Oxford Handbook of Wittgenstein. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- David G. Stern (2006): “How many Wittgensteins?” In: A. Pichler and S. Säätelä (eds.): Wittgenstein: The Philosopher and His Works. Heusenstamm: ontos. pp. 205-229.  
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