

Supervision Arrangements 0 : Part IA, Paper 2

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Venue

All supervisions will be held in P5b, Jesus College.

Timing

Please submit your weekly essay up to 24 hours before the supervision to me by email.

Content

While writing, try to be as clear and precise as possible. There is a number of good guides on philosophy essay writing, for example here:

<http://www.jimpryor.net/teaching/guidelines/writing.html>

and here:

<http://spot.colorado.edu/tooley/WritingEssays.html>

Length

Up to 2000 words.

Reading Lists

Reading lists for these supervisions are available on the website of the Philosophy Faculty. But note that *neither* the former lists, *nor* the one that follows, are *exhaustive* of relevant material students can use when preparing essays.

Some background readings:

Fisher, Andrew (2011), *Metaethics: An Introduction*, Acumen.

Sayre-McCord, G. (2007), 'Metaethics', *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (SEP), <http://plato.stanford.edu/>.

Crisp, R. (1997), *Mill on Utilitarianism*, Routledge.

Individual Sessions

Friday 12th October, 15.00: Objectivity

Essay question: What is Mackie's argument for error theory? Is it sound?

Mackie, J.L. (1977) *Ethics: Inventing Right and Wrong*, chapters 1-3

Fisher (2011), *Metaethics*, chapter 3.

Joyce, R. (2007), 'Moral Anti-Realism', *SEP*.

Miller, A. (2003), *An Introduction to Contemporary Metaethics*, Polity.

Friday 19th October, 15:00: Naturalism

Essay question: Are moral properties natural properties?

Fisher (2011), chapters 4-5.

Lenman, J. (2006), 'Moral Naturalism', *SEP*.

Miller (2003), chapter 8.

Friday 26th October, 15:00: Consequentialism

Essay question: Are consequentialist moralities incompatible with personal integrity?

Williams, B. (1973), 'A critique of utilitarianism', in *Utilitarianism: For and Against*, Cambridge.

Crisp (1997), chapters 6-7.

Rawls, J. (1971), *A Theory of Justice*, section 30.

Cox et al. (2011), 'Integrity' *SEP*.

Friday 2nd November, 15.00: Punishment

Essay question: Can capital punishment be justified?

Bedau, H. (2010), 'Punishment' *SEP*.

Feinberg, J. (1970), 'The expressive function of punishment', in *Doing and Deserving*, Princeton.

Brooks, T. (2004), 'Retributivist arguments against capital punishment', *Journal of Social Philosophy* 35, 188-197.