SYLLABUS

Books [available through Labyrinth Books]

Required:
John Stuart Mill, *Utilitarianism* (U) (in *Utilitarianism and Some Other Essays* (UE))
Immanuel Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals* (G)
Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morals* (GM)
Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* (NE)

Recommended:
Stephen Darwall, *Philosophical Ethics* (PE)

Other readings are accessible from V2 Classes Server (V2)

Tentative Schedule of Lectures and Readings
(* = Required Reading    # = Recommended Reading)

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<td>Fundamental philosophical issues in ethics</td>
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Metaethics: the Basic Questions
*Harman, “Ethics and Observation” (V2)
#PE: 17-26

Ethical Naturalism
#PE: 27-38

Theological Voluntarism
*Ralph Cudworth, from *A Treatise Concerning Eternal and Immutable Reality*, pp. 248-252 (V2)
#PE: 39-47

FIRST PAPERS DUE

October 5

Ideal Judgment Theories
*Firth, “Ethical Absolutism and the Ideal Observer,” (V2)
#PE: 55-61

Relativism
*Lyons, “Ethical Relativism and the Problem of Incoherence (V2)

Noncognitivism
*Ayer, “Critique of Ethics” (V2)
#PE: 71-79

Kant I
*G: Preface
#Christine Korsgaard, Introduction (G, vii-xxx)
#PE: 139-147

Kant II
*G: Ch. 1
#PE: 147-152

Kant III
*G: reread Ch. 1; first half of Ch. 2 (to Ak. 4:428)
#PE: 152-163

Kant IV
*G: rest of Ch. 2 (Ak. 4:428-4:445)
#PE: 163-169

Kant V
*G: reread Ch. 2
(Three) excerpts from Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*, (V2)

November 2

Kant VI
Course Requirements:  two essays (one, 4-6 pages, and the other, 8-10 pages), a final exam, and active participation in discussion sections, weighted in the following percentages: 1st paper, 20%; 2nd paper, 35%; final exam, 35%; attendance and participation in discussion section, 10%.  The final exam will be given December 15, 2010 at 2 pm.

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