



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

**PHIL 599 – Advanced Topics in Philosophy  
Lec 01, Topic 02 – “Perceptual Reference”**

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**Course Outline**

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**Course Description:**

Philosophers have attributed propositional content to perceptual states. This enables them to use the resources of philosophical logic to help understand the informational nature of these states. The question to be addressed in this seminar is whether the logic of demonstratives has utility in this project. On the face of it, demonstratives do help because these are devices by which environmental objects can be made to figure in perceptual content (as opposed to descriptions of these objects). This seminar is divided into two parts. In the first part, Ali Kazmi will lead discussion of the work of David Kaplan on demonstratives. In the second part of the seminar, Mohan Matthen will discuss the application of this work and the work of Gareth Evans, John Perry, and other philosophers to issues of perceptual reference.

**Text:**

The instructors will provide information on a number of suggested readings.

**Evaluation:**

A take-home assignment weighted 35% of the final mark will be due in class on Tuesday, February 23, and a final term paper of approximately 2500 words in length weighted 65% of the final mark will be due in class on Thursday, April 15. There will be no Registrar-scheduled final examination. Late submissions will not be accepted under normal circumstances. The following table will be used to calculate letter grades from the final marks.

0-45% F	56-60% C-	71-75% B-	86-90% A-
45-50% D	61-65% C	76-80% B	91-95% A
51-55% D+	66-77% C+	81-85% B+	96-100% A+

## **INTELLECTUAL HONESTY**

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. As a result, cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as an extremely serious academic offence, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. The University Calendar states that plagiarism exists when:

- *the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test;*
- *parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;*
- *the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source; and/or*
- *a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.*

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## **STUDENTS' UNION REPRESENTATIVE**

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