

| Code | s | Lecture | Tutorial | Practical/ Practice | criteria | requisite of the course (if any) |
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| Philosophy Language DSE 10 | of 4 | 3 | 1 | Nil | None | None |

Course Objective

1. To make students appreciate the nuances of philosophical debates around the nature of meaning
2. To make students understand a primary theory of language from classical india
3. To make students aware of the key semantical issues in western philosophical tradition
4. To acquaint students with current philosophical debates in philosophy of language

Course Learning Outcomes

After completing this course students will

1. Develop an understanding of classical philosophical theories of language.
2. Acquire the ability to provide reasons for and against various positions in the philosophical debates over language and semantics.
3. Develop a rational insight into the intrinsic relation between language, language users and the world.
4. Understand the current debates around the area of indexicals.

Unit I: Philosophy and Grammar (3 weeks, 9 hours)

1. The *Sphota* Theory: Early History and Patanjali's View.

2. Bhartṛhari's view of Sphoṭa.

Essential /Recommended Readings:

Matilal, B.K. *The Word and the World: India's contribution to the Study of Language*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1990, pp. 77-83; 84-98.

UNIT II: Conceptions of Language

(4 weeks, 12 hours)

1. Views of Later Grammarians
2. Translation and Bhartṛhari's Concept of Language (*Śabda*)

Essential /Recommended Readings:

Matilal, B.K. (1990) *The Word and the World: India's contribution to the Study of Language*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 99-105, 120-132.

UNIT III: The Structure of Language and Thought

(5 weeks, 15 hours)

1. Linguistic Sign
2. Truth and Thought
3. Necessity

Essential/Recommended Readings

1. Saussure, F. de, (2011) *Course in General Linguistics*, Wade Baskin (trans.), Columbia University Press, pp. 65-78.
2. Frege, G. (1956) "Thought: A Logical Inquiry". *Mind.*, Vol. 65, pp. 289-311
3. Kripke S. A. (1971) "Identity and Necessity". In Milton Karl Munitz (ed.), *Identity and Individuation* New York,: New York University Press., pp. 135-164.

UNIT IV: Indexicals

(3 weeks, 9 hours)

1. Are indexicals essential?
2. Shifted Reference

Essential/recommended Readings

1. Perry, J. (1979) "The problem of the essential indexical". *Noûs* 13 (1), pp. 3-21.
2. Predelli, S. (1998) "I am not here now". *Analysis* 58 (2),pp. 107-115.

Suggestive Readings

- Lycan, W. (2008) *Philosophy of Language: A Contemporary Introduction*, New York: Routledge.
- Jerrold, K. J. (1971) "The Philosophical Relevance of Linguistic Theory" in *The Philosophy of Language*, (ed.) Searle, Oxford University Press,.
- Barthes, R. (1986) *Elements of Semiology*. Hill and Wang, New York
- Russell, B. (2010) *The Philosophy of Logical Atomism*. London: Routledge
- Morris, Michael. (2007) *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Language*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge
- Donnellan, K. (1966) "References and Definite Descriptions" , *The Philosophical Review*, vol.-75, pp. 281-304.
- Kunjuni Raja, (1963) K. *Indian Theories of Meaning*, Adyar Library, Madras
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