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HIEU 177/277
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Modern German Thought:
Philosophical Irrationalism

HIEU 177/277 is a colloquium for upper-division students and graduate students. The class meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in HSS 6008, and the principal responsibilities are the weekly readings and class participation. Each student will make at least one oral presentation on one of the weekly assignments. Readings are in English, but some background in European intellectual history or humanities is assumed.

A two-page paper is due one week after the oral presentation (based on a short passage from the reading); and an 8-10 page paper (10-12 pages for graduate students) is due on Monday, June 11. The long essay will be based primarily on the course reading, but ought to include additional work. Please see me by the seventh week to agree on a topic. Except where extensions have been arranged in advance, late papers will be penalized one-third of a grade per day.

Below is the required reading by weeks. The readings are available at the Bookstore and on reserve at Geisel Library (SSH), and full citations for the required books are listed at the end of the syllabus.

Apr 3 Introduction

Begin to read Arthur Schopenhauer, *The World as Will and Representation*

Apr 10 Schopenhauer, *The World as Will and Representation*, pp. v-165

Apr 17 Schopenhauer, pp. 167-412

Apr 24 Ludwig Feuerbach, *The Essence of Christianity*, pages TBA

May 1 Max Stirner, *The Ego and Its Own*, TBA

May 8 Friedrich Nietzsche, *Human, All Too Human*, TBA

May 15 Nietzsche, *Human, All Too Human*, TBA

May 22 Friedrich Nietzsche, *The Gay Science*, TBA

May 29 Nietzsche, *The Gay Science*, TBA
Handout on Hofmannsthal

Jun 5 Robert Musil, *Precision and Soul*, ix-xxviii, 61-65, 101,116, 134-213

PAPER DUE: Monday, June 11

OFFICE HOURS: Monday and Wednesday 2-3 pm (HSS 6012)

Required Books:

Arthur Schopenhauer, *The World as Will and Representation*, trans. E.F.J. Payne, **Vol. I only**, Dover, 1969, SBN 486-21761-2.

Ludwig Feuerbach, *The Essence of Christianity*, trans. George Eliot, Harper Torchbook, 1957.

Max Stirner, *The Ego and Its Own*, ed. David Leopold, Cambridge UP, paperback, 1995 (2006) 0 521 45647 9.

Friedrich Nietzsche, *Human, All Too Human*, trans. R. J. Hollingdale, Cambridge UP, 1996 (2002), paperback, 0 521 567041.

Friedrich Nietzsche, *The Gay Science*, trans. Walter Kaufmann, Vintage paperback, 1974, 0-394-71985-9.

Robert Musil, *Precision and Soul: Essays and Addresses*, ed. and trans. by Burton Pike and David S. Luft, paperback, 1994.

I have included several books on reserve as reference works or historical frames of reference. Except for a short passage from Mandelbaum (pages to be announced), these readings are not required. They are not textbooks, but simply points of reference for those who find them useful.

Heller, Erich, *The Disinherited Mind*

Löwith, Karl, *From Hegel to Nietzsche*

Mandelbaum, Maurice, *History, Man & Reason*

Hobsbawm, E. J., *The Age of Revolution 1789-1848*

Morse Peckham, *Beyond the Tragic Vision*

Hughes, H. Stuart, *Consciousness and Society*