

Philosophy Faculty Reading List and Course Outline 2018-2019

PART II PAPER 05: PHILOSOPHY IN THE LONG MIDDLE AGES

SYLLABUS

Theme 1: Thinking and the Self

Set Texts:

***Avicenna**, 'On the Soul' from al-Najat; the 'flying man' argument in its different versions.

Averroes, Long Commentary on Aristotle's 'De Anima', extracts from Book III

***Aquinas**, *Summa Theologiae* I, qq. 84-85, 87

Olivi, Peter John, Questions on Book II of the Sentences, q. 72

Pomponazzi, Pietro, *On the Immortality of the Soul*, chapters 1-12

Descartes, *Meditations* II and VI, with the Objections and Replies to those parts.

Theme 2: Determinism and Divine Power

Set Texts:

Boethius, *The Consolation of Philosophy*, Book V

Peter Abelard, 'Whether God can do what he does not do' = *Theologia scholarium* III (extract)

Averroes, *Incoherence of the Incoherence*, About the Natural Sciences, first discussion

William of Ockham, *Treatise on the Predestination and Prescience of God with regard to Future Contingents*, quaestio 3 (How can the contingency of a created or an uncreated will in causing something external be vindicated?)

Gersonides, *Wars of the Lord*, Book IV

Spinoza, *Ethics*, Book I

[Asterisks* denote texts from which commentary questions will be set]

COURSE OUTLINE

This paper covers philosophy in the period from c. 400 to c. 1700, in the Latin, Arabic and Hebrew traditions. All texts are studied in translation. For 2017-18, the two set themes will be (a) Thinking and the Self and (b) Determinism and Divine Power.

Prerequisites

None

Objectives

Students taking this paper will be expected to:

- 1) Acquire a detailed knowledge of some of the texts studied.
- 2) Acquire some sense of how the positions on different topics relate to each other.
- 3) Engage closely, in an historical and critical manner, with some of the ideas and arguments studied.
- 4) Consider the different positions in relation to their wider intellectual, cultural and historical context.

READING LIST

This reading list is intended to give the details of the set texts and some basic secondary reading. Further bibliographies will be available at the seminars and on request.

General Introductions to Medieval Philosophy

There is a reasonably full, annotated bibliography of medieval philosophy available at Oxford Bibliographies Online at: <http://doi.org/10.1093/obo/9780195396577-0172>.

ADAMSON, Peter, and Richard C. TAYLOR, eds., *The Cambridge Companion to Arabic Philosophy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005). Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CCOL0521817439>

EL-ROUAYHEB, Khaled, and Sabine SCHMIDTKE, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Islamic Philosophy* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2017). Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199917389.001.0001>

MARENBOURG, John, *Medieval Philosophy: An Historical and Philosophical Introduction* (London: Routledge, 2007). Also available online at: <http://lib.myilibrary.com/?id=62211>

MARENBOURG, John, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Medieval Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012). Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780195379488.001.0001>

MARENBOURG, John, *Medieval Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016). Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1093/actrade/9780199663224.001.0001>

MCGRADE, Arthur S., ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Medieval Philosophy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003). Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CCOL0521806038>

NADLER, Steven, and Tamar M. RUDAVSKY, eds., *The Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy from Antiquity through the Seventeenth Century*. 2 vols. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009). Also available online at:
<http://doi.org/10.1017/CHOL9780521843232> (Vol. 1) and
<http://doi.org/10.1017/CHOL9780521852432> (Vol. 2)

PASNAU, Robert, *The Cambridge History of Medieval Philosophy*. 2 vols. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009). Also available online at:
<http://doi.org/10.1017/CHOL9780521762168> (Vol. 1)
and at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CHOL9780521762182> (Vol. 2)

PASNAU, Robert, *Metaphysical Themes, 1274-1671* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2011). Also available online at:
<http://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780199567911.001.0001>

You should be aware of:

BRUNGS, Alexander, Vilem MUDROCH and Peter SCHULTHESS, eds., *Ueberweg – Grundriss der Geschichte der Philosophie, Die Philosophie des Mittelalters 4. 13. Jahrhundert* (Basel: Schwabe, 2017). [A very detailed handbook, with extensive bibliographies].

General Introductions to 'Renaissance' and Seventeenth-Century Philosophy

COPENHAVER, Brian P., and Charles B. SCHMITT, *Renaissance Philosophy (History of Western Philosophy, Vol. 3)* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1992).

GARBER, Daniel, and Michael AYERS, eds., *The Cambridge History of Seventeenth-Century Philosophy*. 2 vols. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998). Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CHOL9780521307635> (Vol. 1) and at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CHOL9780521572330> (Vol. 2)

LAGERLUND, Henrik, and Benjamin HILL, eds., *The Routledge Companion to Sixteenth-Century Philosophy* (Abingdon: Routledge, 2017). Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.4324/9781315770512>

The History of Philosophy

MARENBON, John, 'Why We Need a Real History of Philosophy', in M. Van Ackeren and L. Klein, eds., *Philosophy and the Historical Perspective* (Proceedings of the British Academy, 214) (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018). Also available in [Moodle](#). [This article raises questions you should think about when doing the paper, even though you may well disagree with the radical answer. See also the chapters by Van Ackeren and Kusch, and (on medieval philosophy and women philosophers) Van Dyke]

SMITH, Justin, *The Philosopher: A History in Six Types* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2016). [Not a history in any ordinary sense, but a highly intelligent and elegant attack on most of your preconceptions about what philosophy and its history are]

The Concept of a 'Long Middle Ages'

MARENBON, John, 'Shallow Periodization and the Long Middle Ages' (2017) [Online]. Available at: Resources from Cambridge Medieval Studies Events:
<http://www.medievalstudies.group.cam.ac.uk/resources> (Accessed: 19 September 2018).

MARENBON, John, *When Was Medieval Philosophy?* [Inaugural lecture], available online at: <http://www.dspace.cam.ac.uk/handle/1810/240658>
SCHMUTZ, Jacob, 'Medieval Philosophy after the Middle Ages', in J. Marenbon, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Medieval Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), pp. 245-66. Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780195379488.013.0011>

THEME 1: THINKING AND THE SELF

Set Texts

*AVICENNA, 'On the Soul (Extracts from Al-Najat)', in M.A. Khalidi, ed., *Medieval Islamic Philosophical Writings* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005), pp. 27-58.
Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511811050.006>

*MARMURA, Michael, 'Avicenna's "Flying Man" In Context', *The Monist*, 69, no. 3 (1986): 383-95. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/27902982>. [Versions of Avicenna's "flying man" argument]

*AQUINAS, Thomas, *The Treatise on Human Nature: Summa Theologiae 1a* 75-89, translated by R. Pasnau (Indianapolis, IN: Hackett, 2002), Questions 84-85 & 89. [Other translations may also be used – most conveniently the old Blackfriars translation online at: <http://www.ccel.org/ccel/aquinas/summa/home.html>]

AVERROES, *Long Commentary on the De Anima of Aristotle*, translated by R.C. Taylor (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2009), pp. 292-405 (Book III.1-39).

OLIVI, Peter John, *Questions on Book II of the Sentences*, q. 72 'Can bodies act on the spirit and on its apprehensive and appetitive powers?' [A translation by Robert Pasnau is available at: <http://spot.colorado.edu/~pasnau/research/olivi72.htm>]

POMPONAZZI, Pietro, 'On the Immortality of the Soul (*De Immortalitate Animae*), Chapters 1-12, in E. Cassirer, P.O. Kristeller and J.H. Randall, eds., *The Renaissance Philosophy of Man* (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 1984), pp. 280-344.

DESCARTES, René, 'Meditations on First Philosophy', in his *The Philosophical Works of Descartes*, translated by J. Cottingham, R. Stoothoff and D. Murdoch. Vol. 2 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985), Second and Sixth Meditation, with the Objections and Replies to those parts (pp. 16-23, 50-62, 87-120, 278-301). Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511818998>

Introductory Reading on Thinking and the Self

BLACK, Deborah, 'Psychology: Soul and Intellect', in P. Adamson and R.C. Taylor, eds., *The Cambridge Companion to Arabic Philosophy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005), pp. 308-26. Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CCOL0521817439>

- DAVIDSON, Herbert, *Alfarabi, Avicenna, and Averroes, on Intellect: Their Cosmologies, Theories of the Active Intellect, and Theories of Human Intellect* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1992).
- DE LIBERA, Alain *L'invention Du Sujet Moderne. Cours Du Collège De France 2013-2014* (Paris: Vrin, 2015). [Available from the UL]
- KAUKUA, Jari, and Thomas EKENBERG, eds., *Subjectivity and Selfhood in Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy* (Dordrecht: Springer, 2016). [Studies in the History of Philosophy of Mind, v. 16]
- KAUKUA, Jari, and Vili LÄHTEENMÄKI, 'On the Historiography of Subjectivity', *Vivarium*, 52 (2014): 187-95. <http://doi.org/10.1163/15685349-12341274>
- LAGERLUND, Henrik, ed., *Representation and Objects of Thought in Medieval Philosophy* (Aldershot and Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2007).
- PASNAU, Robert, ed., *Cambridge History of Medieval Philosophy* Vol. 1 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009; 2nd ed. 2014), chs. 22-27. Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CHOL9780521762168>
- PERLER, Dominik, 'Self-Knowledge in Scholasticism', in U. Renz, ed., *Self-Knowledge: A History* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017). Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780190226411.003.0008>
- ROBINSON, James T., 'Soul and Intellect', in S. Nadler and T. Rudavsky, eds., *The Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy*. Vol. 1 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), pp. 524-58. Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CHOL9780521843232.018>
- AVERROES, *L'intelligence Et La Pensée: Sur Le De Anima*, edited by A. De Libera (Paris: Flammarion, 1998). A French translation of the Latin text, with very full notes. [Available from the UL]
- BENMAKHLOUF, Ali, *Averroès* (Paris: Perrin, 2009). [A general introduction to Averroes]
- DAVIDSON, Herbert, *Alfarabi, Avicenna, and Averroes, on Intellect: Their Cosmologies, Theories of the Active Intellect, and Theories of Human Intellect* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1992), chs. 6-8.
- DI GIOVANNI, Matteo, *Averroè* (Rome: Carocci, 2017). [A general survey. Available from the UL]
- DI GIOVANNI, Matteo, 'Averroes and Philosophy in Islamic Spain', in J. Marenbon, ed., *Oxford Handbook of Medieval Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), pp. 106-29. Available also online at: <http://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780195379488.013.0005>. [A good survey of Averroes and his context]
- HAYOUN, Maurice-Ruben, and Alain DE LIBERA, *Averroès Et L'averroïsme* (Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 1991). [Available from the UL]
- TAYLOR, Richard, *Long Commentary on the De Anima of Aristotle*, translated by R.C. Taylor (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2009). [This is a very substantial study, almost book-length, and one of the best places to begin]
- URVOY, Dominique, *Ibn Rushd (Averroes)* (London: Routledge, 1991). [A decent introduction, translated from French]

Thomas Aquinas

- BLACK, Deborah, 'Avicenna on Self-Awareness and Knowing That One Knows', in S. Rahman, et al., eds., *The Unity of Science in the Arabic Tradition* (Dordrecht: Springer, 2008), pp. 63-87.
- DAVIDSON, Herbert, *Alfarabi, Avicenna, and Averroes, on Intellect: Their Cosmologies, Theories of the Active Intellect, and Theories of Human Intellect* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1992), ch. 4 'Avicenna on emanation, the active intellect, and human intellect' (pp. 74-126).
- KAUKUA, Jari, *Self-Awareness in Islamic Philosophy: Avicenna and Beyond* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015), Introduction, chs. 1-4 (pp. 1-103). Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781316105238>
- MCGINNIS, Jon, *Avicenna* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010).
- SEBTI, Meryem, *Avicenne: L'âme Humaine* (Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 2000). [On order at the UL]
- BALTUTA, Elena, 'Aquinas on Intellectual Cognition: The Case of Intelligible Species', *Philosophia*, 41 (2013): 589-602. <http://doi.org/10.1007/s11406-013-9481-y>. [Gives details of recent controversy over interpretation of Aquinas's theory of intellectual cognition, along with nuanced, moderate view]
- CORY, Therese, *Aquinas on Human Self-Knowledge* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015). Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9781107337619>
- KENNY, Anthony, *Aquinas on Mind* (London: Routledge, 1993).
- PANACCIO, Claude, 'Mental Representation', in R. Pasnau, ed., *Cambridge History of Medieval Philosophy*. Vol. 1 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009; 2nd ed. 2014), pp. 346-56. Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CHOL9780521762168.027>
- PASNAU, Robert, *Thomas Aquinas on Human Nature* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002), chs. 1, 2, 9-12. Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511613180>
- PERLER, Dominik, 'Essentialism and Direct Realism: Some Late Medieval Perspectives', *Topoi*, 19 (2000): 111-22. <http://doi.org/10.1023/A:1006425008627>

Olivii

- BROWER-TOLAND, Susan, 'Olivii on Consciousness and Self-Knowledge: The Phenomenology, Metaphysics, and Epistemology of Mind's Reflexivity', *Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy*, 1 (2013): 136-71. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780199661848.003.0006>

DE LIBERA, Alain, *L'invention Du Sujet Modern* (Paris: Vrin, 1992). [Available from the UL]

PASNAU, Robert, *Theories of Cognition in the Later Middle Ages* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997).

PIRON, Sylvain, 'L'expérience Subjective Chez Pierre De Jean Olivi', in O. Boulnois, ed., *Généalogies Du Sujet* (Paris: Vrin, 2006), pp. 43-54. [Available from the UL]

PIRON, Sylvain, 'Petrus Johannis Olivi. Impugnatio Quorundam Articulorum Arnaldi Galliardi, Articulus 19', *Oliviana [En ligne]*, 2 (2006). Also available online at: <http://oliviana.revues.org/52>

YRJÖNSUURI, Mikko, 'Perceiving One's Own Body', in S. Knuutila and P. Kärkkäinen, eds., in *Theories of Perception in Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy* (Dordrecht: Springer, 2008), pp. 101-16. Also available in [Moodle](#).

Pomponazzi

KESSLER, Eckhard, 'Psychology: The Intellective Soul', in C. Schmitt and Q. Skinner, eds., *The Cambridge History of Renaissance Philosophy*. Vol. 1 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988), pp. 485-534. Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CHOL9780521251044.017>. [A thorough survey of the background to Pomponazzi's views about the intellect]

PINE, Martin L., *Pietro Pomponazzi: Radical Philosopher of the Renaissance* (Padua: Editrice Antenore, 1986). [The only general book on Pomponazzi in English. Takes the somewhat tendentious view that he wished to undermine Christian belief]

Descartes

Here there is a vast bibliography, and introductory works on Descartes are already given in the Reading List for Part IA. These are just some suggestions of interesting discussions, with particular relation to the theme of Thinking and the Self.

CARRIERO, John, *Between Two Worlds: A Reading of Descartes's Meditations* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2009). Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1515/9781400833191>

DES CHENE, Dennis, *Life's Forms: Late Aristotelian Conceptions of the Soul* (Ithaca, NY and London: Cornell University Press, 2000). [Available from the UL]

HATTAB, Helen, *Descartes on Forms and Mechanisms* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009). Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511596612>

MENN, Stephen, *Descartes and Augustine* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998). Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511608995>

ROZEMOND, Marleen, 'The Nature of the Mind', in S. Gaukroger, ed., *Blackwell Guide to Descartes' Meditations* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2006), pp. 48-66. Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1002/9780470776476.ch4>

THEME 2: DETERMINISM AND DIVINE POWER

Set Texts

*BOETHIUS, 'The Consolation of Philosophy', in, 1987), pp. Book V. [Many translations available]

ABELARD, Peter, *Whether God Can Do What He Does Not Do* *Theologia Scholarium* iii, 27-56 (extract). [A translation will be supplied]

*AVEROES, *Incoherence of the Incoherence*. About the Natural Sciences, First Discussion. [Translated by S. van den Bergh, *Averroes' Tahafut Al-Tahafut* (Cambridge: Gibb Memorial Trust, 1954), I, pp. 311-33]

WILLIAM OF OCKHAM, 'Treatise on the Predestination and Prescience of God with Regard to Future Contingents', quaestio 3 (How can the contingency of a created or an uncreated will in causing something external be vindicated?) [William of Ockham, *Predestination, God's Foreknowledge, and Future Contingents*. 2nd ed. Translated by M.M. Adams and N. Kretzmann (Indianapolis, IN: Hackett, 1983), pp. 70-76]

GERSONIDES, *Wars of the Lord*, Book IV. [Levi ben Gershon (Gersonides), *The Wars of the Lord*. Vol. 2. Translated by S. Feldman (Philadelphia, PA: Jewish Publication Society, 1987). You should also read Book III.3-4]

SPINOZA, Baruch, *Ethics Book I*. [Recommended translation: Benedict de Spinoza. *Ethics* translated by E. Curley (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1996)]

Introductory Reading on Determinism and Divine Power

BEEBEE, Helen, Christopher HITCHCOCK, and Peter MENZIES, *The Oxford Handbook of Causation* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009), chs. 1 & 2. Also available online at: <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199279739.001.0001>

CRAIG, William, *The Problem of Divine Foreknowledge and Future Contingents* from KNUUTILA, Simo, *Modalities in Medieval Philosophy* (London: Routledge, 1993).

[Available from the UL]

MARENbon, John, *Le Temps, L'éternité Et La Prescience De Boèce À Thomas D'aquin* (Paris: Vrin, 2005).

MARENbon, John, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Medieval Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), chs. 14 'Modality', 24 'Eternity' & 26 'Freedom of the will'. Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780195379488.001.0001>

NADLER, Steven, and Tamar RUDAVSKY, eds., *The Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy* Vol. 1 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), chs. 18-20. Also available online at: <https://doi.org/10.1017/CHOL9780521843232>

PASNAU, Robert, ed., *Cambridge History of Medieval Philosophy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009; 2nd ed. 2014), chs. 17, 29 & 55. Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CHOL9780521762168> (Vol. 1) and <https://doi.org/10.1017/CHOL9780521762182> (Vol. 2)

SORABJI, Richard, *Time, Creation, and the Continuum* (London: Duckworth, 1983). Also available online at: <https://doi.org/10.5040/9781472598288>

Individual Philosophers on Determinism and Divine Power

Boethius

There is a detailed bibliography available at:

<http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780195389661/obo-9780195389661-0219.xml#obo-9780195389661-0219-div1-0014> (Oxford Bibliographies Online)

MARENBOU, John, 'Divine Prescience and Contingency in Boethius's *Consolation of Philosophy*', *Rivista di storia della filosofia*, 68 (2013): 9-21. [Available from the UL]

SHARPLES, Robert, 'Fate, Prescience and Free Will', in J. Marenbon, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Boethius* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), pp. 207-27. Also available online at:
<https://doi.org/10.1017/CCOL9780521872669.010>

Abelard

AUBRY, Gwenaëlle, *Genèse Du Dieu Souverain* (Paris: Vrin, 2018), 97-143. [On order at the UL]

MARENBOU, John, *Abelard in Four Dimensions: A Twelfth-Century Philosopher in His Context and Ours* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2013), chs. 2 & 4.

MARENBOU, John, *The Philosophy of Peter Abelard* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997). Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511582714>. [This is given as a general introduction to Abelard. The discussion of the set text is replaced by the different and more detailed examination in my later book]

Averroes

DI GIOVANNI, Matteo, 'Averroes and Philosophy in Islamic Spain', in J. Marenbon, ed., *Oxford Handbook of Medieval Philosophy* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2012), pp. 106-29. Available also online at:
<http://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780195379488.013.0005>. [A good survey of Averroes and his context]

GEOFFROY, Marc, 'L'almohadisme Théologique D'averroes (Ibn Rushd)', *Archives d'Histoire Doctrinale et Littéraire du Moyen Âge*, 66 (1999): 9-47. Also available in the Faculty Library offprint collection and on [Moodle](#)

GLASNER, Ruth, *Averroes' Physics. A Turning Point in Medieval Natural Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009). Also available online at:
<https://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780199567737.001.0001>

KOGAN, Barry, *Averroes and the Metaphysics of Causation* (Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 1985).

URVOY, Dominique, *Ibn Rushd (Averroes)* (London: Routledge, 1991). [A decent introduction, translated from French]

Gersonides

DAHAN, Gilbert, ed., *Gersonide En Son Temps* (Louvain: Peeters, 1991). [Available from the UL]

FELDMAN, Seymour, 'A Debate Concerning Determinism in Late Medieval Jewish Philosophy', *Proceedings of the American Academy for Jewish Research*, 51 (1984): 15-54. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/3622665>

FELDMAN, Seymour, *Gersonides: Judaism within the Limits of Reason* (Oxford: Littman Library of Jewish Civilization, 2010).

GLASNER, Ruth, *Gersonides: A Portrait of a Fourteenth-Century Philosopher-Scientist* (Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2015). Also available online at: <https://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780198735861.001.0001>. [To use as a general introduction, if that]

Spinoza

DELLA ROCCA, Michael, *Spinoza* (London: Routledge, 2008).

GARRETT, Don, 'Spinoza's Necessitarianism', in Y. Yovel, ed., *God and Nature: Spinoza's Metaphysics; Papers Presented at the First Jerusalem Conference (Ethica 1)* (Leiden: Brill, 1991), pp. 97-118. Also available in [Moodle](#).

MELAMED, Yitzhak, *Spinoza's Metaphysics of Substance and Thought* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013). Also available online at:
<http://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780195394054.001.0001>

NADLER, Steven, *Spinoza's Ethics: An Introduction* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006). Also available online at: <http://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511815737>

ROBINSON, Lewis, *Kommentar Zu Spinozas Ethik* (Leipzig: Meiner, 1928). [Available from the UL. Only the first volume, on books 1 and 2, of two planned was published]

WOLFSON, Harry Austryn, *The Philosophy of Spinoza: Unfolding the Latent Processes of His Reasoning*. 2 vols. (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1934). Also available online at: <https://doi.org/10.4159/harvard.9780674866416>

We welcome your suggestions for further readings that will improve and diversify our reading lists, to reflect the best recent research, and important work by members of under-represented groups. Please email your suggestions to phillib@hermes.cam.ac.uk including the relevant part and paper number. For information on how we handle your personal data when you submit a suggestion please see
<https://www.information-compliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/data-protection/general-data>.