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<u>Social Psychology and Philosophy Syllabus</u>
Research in social psychology has exploded over the past 30 or so years, generating powerful
new methods of measurement and a broad range of surprising and sometimes downright puzzling
findings. But while philosophers have taken a keen interest in other areas within the "mind/brain
sciences" (such as, e.g., perception, consciousness, language, reasoning, moral psychology, and
action), social psychology has been largely neglected. This course will examine how recent
findings in social psychology speak to perennial questions in mind, ethics, and political
philosophy, including the nature of freedom, moral responsibility, self-knowledge, belief, desire,
emotion, and prejudice. We will also take a critical look at the methods, presuppositions, and
theories of contemporary social psychology "on its own terms," i.e., considered apart from its
relevance to traditional philosophical issues.

Required readings: All materials will be available on bSpace or the web.

Week 1 (1/22):   Hello

Week 2 (1/29)   Situationism (1): The Situationist Critique
Nisbett and Ross (1991) *The Person and the Situation*, skim Ch.1, read Ch.2
Doris (2002) *Lack of Character*, Chs.2-3

Week 3 (2/5)   Situationism (2): Responses to the Situationist Critique
"The Bad Show" (2012) *Radiolab* podcast (Alex Haslam on Milgram), minutes 10:15-26:05
          URL = http://www.radiolab.org/2012/jan/09/
Kamtekar (2004) "Situationism and Virtue Ethics on the Content of our Character"
Sarkissian (2010) "Minor Tweaks, Major Payoffs: The Problems and Promise of Situationism in
Moral Philosophy"
Railton (2011) "Two cheers for virtue: or, might virtue be habit forming?"

Week 4 (2/12)   Belief (1): Introduction to Automaticity and Dual-Process Models
Gilbert (1991) "How Mental Systems Believe"
Jordan and Zanna (1999) "How to Read a Journal Article in Social Psychology"
          URL = http://arts.uwaterloo.ca/~sspencer/psych253/readart.html
Gilbert et al. (1993) "You Can't Not Believe Everything You Read"

Week 5 (2/19)   Belief (2): Consequences of Automatic Belief for Ethics and Mind
Huebner (2009) "Troubles with Stereotypes for Spinozan Minds"
Mandelbaum (draft) "Thinking Is Believing"

Week 6 (2/26)   Alief (1): Action, Automaticity, and the Divided Mind
Gendler (2008) "Alief and Belief" (pp.634-7, introductory examples)
Gendler (2008) "Alief in Action (and Reaction)"
Schwitzgebel (2010) "Acting contrary to our professed beliefs, or the gulf between occurrent
judgment and dispositional belief"

Week 7 (3/5)   Alief (2): Responses to Alief in *Analysis* Book Symposium
Doggett (2012) "Some Questions for Tamar Szabó Gendler"
Nagel (2012) "Gendler on Alief"
Currie and Ichino (2012) "Aliefs Don't Exist, Though Some of their Relatives Do"
Gendler (2012) "Between Reason and Reflex: Response to Commentators"

Week 8 (3/12)   Responsibility (1): Empirical Obstacles to Moral Responsibility
King and Carruthers (2012) "Moral Responsibility and Consciousness"
Levy (2012) "Consciousness, Implicit Attitudes, and Moral Responsibility"

Week 9 (3/19)   Responsibility (2): Defenses (and Nuances) of Moral Responsibility
Holroyd (2012) "Responsibility for Implicit Bias"
Washington and Kelly (draft) "Who's Responsible for This? Implicit Bias and Social
Externalism about Moral Responsibility"
Madva (draft) "Implicit Bias, Moods, and Moral Responsibility"
Brownstein (draft) "Responsibilit(ies) and Implicit Bias"

Week 10 (3/26) NO CLASS: Spring Break

Week 11 (4/2)   Epistemic Import: Social Categorization and Ethical-Epistemic Conflicts
Gendler (2011) "On the Epistemic Costs of Implicit Bias"
Egan (2011) "Comments on Gendler's, "the epistemic costs of implicit bias""
Madva (draft) "Virtue, Social Knowledge, and Implicit Bias"

Week 12 (4/9)   Political Cognition
Payne and Cameron (2010) "Divided Minds, Divided Morals: How Implicit Social Cognition
Underpins and Undermines our Sense of Social Justice"
Nosek et al. (2010) "Implicit Political Cognition"
van den Bos and Maas (2012) "Adhering to Consistency Principles in an Unjust World:
Implications for Sense Making, Victim Blaming, and Justice Judgments"

Week 13 (4/16)   Social Cognition, Media, and Culture
Nisbett and Ross (1991) Ch.7 ("The Social Psychology of Culture")
Re-read Gilbert et al. (1993) (Intro and Conclusion)
Fish (1994) "There's No Such Thing as Free Speech, and It's a Good Thing, Too"
Hurley (2004) "Imitation, Media Violence, and Freedom of Speech"

Week 14 (4/23)   Implicit Bias and the Law
Lawrence (1987) "The Id, the Ego, and Equal Protection: Reckoning with Unconscious Racism"
Lawrence (2008) "Unconscious Racism Revisited" (selections)
Faigman (2009) "Evidentiary Incommensurability: A Preliminary Exploration of the Problem of
Reasoning from General Scientific Data to Individualized Legal Decision-Making"
Fiske and Borgida (2012) "Standards for Using Social Psychological Evidence in Employment
Discrimination Cases"

Week 15 (4/30)   Measures, Models, and Presuppositions
Bar-Anan and Nosek (in press) "A Comparative Investigation of Seven Indirect Measures of
Social Cognition" (selections)
Gawronski and Bodenhausen (2011) "The Associative-Propositional Evaluation Model: Theory,
Evidence, and Open Questions" (selections)
Conrey et al. (2005) "Separating multiple processes in implicit social cognition: the quad model
of implicit task performance"
Allen and Sherman (2009 ppt) "A How-To Guide on the Quad Model"