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| Code of course: **BA-ERA-IPH-S-5, MA-ERA-IPH-S-5** |
| Title of course: **Introduction to Epistemology** |
| Lecturer: **Jenő Pöntör**  synchronous online course (according to timetable, but online) |
| **General aim of the course:**  The course provides an introduction to some of the main topics in epistemology.  Content of the course:  Topics included in the course are:  1. What is knowledge?  2. Sources of human knowledge.  3. Skepticism.  4. Theories of justification  5. Modern and contemporary anti-skeptical strategies.  6. Religious epistemology.  **Grading criteria, specific requirements:**  There are no specific requirements for this course. Students are expected to attend all meetings and must write an 5-8 page essay (in English or Hungarian) related to one of the discussed topics, chosen by the student.  **Required reading:**  1. Descartes, René, 1641, *Meditations* I, II, III.  2. Stroud, Barry, 1984, “The Problem of the External World”. Originally published as ch. 1 in Barry Stroud: The Significance of Philosophical Skepticism. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1984.  3. Ryle, Gilbert, 1964, *Dilemmas*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 94–95 (Counterfeit Coinage Argument).  4. Putnam, Hilary, 1981, “Brains in a Vat”, in Hilary Putnam: *Reason, Truth, and History*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Chapter 1. 1–21.  5. Gettier, Edmund L., 1963, “Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?”, Analysis, 23 (6): 121–123.  6. Goldman, Alvin, 1967, “A Causal Theory of Knowing”, <https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/078a/d2b9117693dbab0739ab2001a25b10a5ef35.pdf>  7. Nozick, Robert, 1981, “Knowledge and Skepticism”, in Jaegwon Kim and Ernest Sosa, (ed.): *Epistemology: An Anthology*, Blackwell, 2000  8. Van Cleve, James, 1979, “Foundationalism, Epistemic Principles, and the Cartesian Crcle”, in Jaegwon Kim and Ernest Sosa, (ed.): *Epistemology: An Anthology*, Blackwell, 2000.  9. BonJour, Laurence, 1978, “Can Empirical Knowledge Have a Foundation?”, in Jaegwon Kim and Ernest Sosa, (ed.): *Epistemology: An Anthology*, Blackwell, 2000.  10. Plantinga, Alvin, “Is Belief in God Properly Basic?,” *Noûs* 15 (1981): 41–51.  **Suggested further reading:**  1. Stanford Encyclopaedia entry: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/skepticism/>  2. Stanford Encyclopaedia entry: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/knowledge-analysis/>  3. Stanford Encyclopaedia entry: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/contextualism-epistemology/>  4. Stanford Encyclopaedia entry: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/justep-foundational/>  5. Stanford Encyclopaedia entry: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/justep-coherence/>  6. Stanford Encyclopaedia entry: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/justep-intext/>  7. Stanford Encyclopaedia entry: https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/reliabilism/ |