

## **CLASS DISCUSSION SCHEDULE**

### **PART I: FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE (1844-1900 CE)**

#### **Discussion 01 / September 17th**

- **Topics:** Class Overview, Defining Our Terms, Nietzsche Biography

#### **Discussion 02 / September 24th**

- **Topics:** Nietzsche On the History of Morality, The Two Types of Morality, and “Ressentiment”
- **Reading:** *On the Genealogy of Morals*, 15-23 -- Preface: 1-8, 24-27, 33-46 -- 1st Essay: 1-3, 7-13

#### **Discussion 03 / October 1st**

- **Topics:** Nietzsche on “Good vs. Bad” / “Good vs. Evil” and the Origin of the “Bad Conscience”
- **Reading:** *On the Genealogy of Morals*, 46-56 -- 1st Essay: 14-17; 84-96 -- 2nd Essay: 16-24

#### **Discussion 04 / October 8th**

- **Topics:** Nietzsche on the Commonwealth, the Will to Power, “Creditor-Debtor Relationship,” and Altruistic Morality
- **Reading:** *On the Genealogy of Morals*, 46-56 -- 1st Essay: 14-17; 84-96 -- 2nd Essay: 16-24

#### **Discussion 05 / October 15th**

- **Topics:** Nietzsche on Ascetic Ideals, “Truth Claims,” Science, the Value in Art, Meaning, and Suffering
- **Reading:** *On the Genealogy of Morals*, 148-156, 162-163 -- 3rd Essay: 24-25; 28

### **PART II: EMMANUEL LEVINAS (1906–1995 CE)**

#### **Discussion 06 / October 22nd**

- **Topics:** Levinas Biography and Views on the “Ethical Relation,” Human Freedom, and Obligation to the Other
- **Reading:** *Difficult Freedom: Essays on Judaism*, 16-23.

#### **Discussion 07 / October 29th**

- **Topics:** Reconciling Particularism with Universalism, Divine and Human
- **Reading:** *Difficult Freedom: Essays on Judaism*, 16-23.

#### **Discussion 08 / November 5th**

- **Topics:** Levinas on Speech/Discourse, The “Face,” and Human Responsibility
- **Reading:** *Totality and Infinity: An Essay on Exteriority*, 194-204; 215-219.

**Discussion 09 / November 12th**

- **Topics:** Discourse as “Rupture and Commencement” / The “Interpersonal” as “Asymmetrical”
- **Reading:** *Totality and Infinity: An Essay on Exteriority*, 194-204; 215-219.

**Discussion 10 / November 19th**

- **Topics:** Concluding Reflections & Review of Nietzsche and Levinas