

Contextual Area:
Contemporary Philosophy of Meaning and Mental Representation

Examiner

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Description

In my contextual supporting area I will situate my work in the broader context of Philosophy of Meaning and Mental Representation. The readings in this area include the relevant contemporary accounts of mental representation, and specific works on mental representation of imaginary objects. Throughout the works the theme of language semantics plays a role as one of the important windows into mental content. I hope that these works will let me ask the right questions about assumptions I make at every step of my designs, and let me be aware of the philosophical commitments that are implied.

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Written Requirements

The written requirement will consist of a 24 hour take-home examination to be administered and evaluated by Professor Dennett.

Reading List

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