

Comparative Literature / History G8420: THE HERMENEUTIC TRADITION
Fall 2015, Wednesday, 4:10-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday – September 9, 2015

Introduction

Wednesday – September 16, 2015

Humanist Hermeneutics

Erasmus, *Ciceronianus* (1528); Kathy Eden, "Equity and Renaissance Historicism" (1993); "Erasmian Hermeneutics" (1997)

Wednesday – September 23, 2015

The New Philology

Spinoza, *Tractatus Theologico-Politicus*, chapters 7-8 (1670)

Wednesday – September 30, 2015

Romantic Hermeneutics

Schleiermacher, "Hermeneutics" (1819); "General Hermeneutics" (1810)

Wednesday – October 7, 2015

Nineteenth-Century Historicism

Dilthey, "The Rise of Hermeneutics" (1900); Droysen, *Outline of the Principles of History* (1867)

Wednesday – October 14, 2015

The Hermeneutic Circle

Heidegger, *Being and Time*, chapt. 32 (1927); Leo Spitzer, "Linguistics and Literary History" (1948)

Wednesday – October 21, 2015

Aporias of Historicism (1)

R.G. Collingwood, "Human Nature and Human History"; "The Historical Imagination"; "History as Re-Enactment of Past Experience" (1946)

Wednesday – October 28, 2015

Aporias of Historicism (2)

Jorge-Luis Borges, "Pierre Menard, Author of the Quixote" (1939)

Wednesday – November 4, 2015

Gadamer (1)

Truth and Method : "The Significance of the Humanist Tradition for the Human Sciences", "The Questionableness of Romantic Hermeneutics and its Application to the Study of History", "Dilthey's Entanglement in the Aporias of Historicism" (in *Truth and Method*)

Wednesday – November 11, 2015

Gadamer (2)

Truth and Method : "The Elevation of the Historicity of Understanding to the Status of a Hermeneutic Principle", "The Recovery of the Fundamental Hermeneutic Problem" (in *Truth and Method*)

Wednesday – November 18, 2015

Gadamer (3)

Truth and Method : "Analysis of Historically Affected Consciousness", "Language as the Medium of Hermeneutic Experience", "Language as Horizon of a Hermeneutic Ontology" (in *Truth and Method*)

Wednesday – November 25, 2015

The Gadamer-Habermas Debate

Habermas, "A Review of Gadamer's *Truth and Method*" (1970); "The Hermeneutic Claim to Universality" (1971). Gadamer, "Reply to My Critics" (1971)

Wednesday – December 2, 2015

Metahistory

Hayden White : *Metahistory: The Historical Imagination in Nineteenth-Century Europe* (Introduction) (1973); "Narrative in Contemporary Historical Theory" (1987); "Droysen's Historik: Historical Writing as a Bourgeois Science" (1987)

Wednesday – December 9, 2015

Conclusion-Discussion of Student Work

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