

Comparative Literature / History G8420: THE HERMENEUTIC TRADITION
Spring 2011, Tuesday, 4:10-6:00 p.m., 507 Philosophy Hall

Tuesday - January 18, 2011

Introduction

Tuesday - January 25, 2011

Humanist Hermeneutics

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

Tuesday - February 01, 2011

The New Philology

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

Tuesday - February 08, 2011

Romantic Hermeneutics

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

Tuesday - February 15, 2011

Nineteenth-Century Historicism

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

Tuesday - February 22, 2011

The Hermeneutic Circle

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

Tuesday - March 01, 2011

Aporias of Historicism (1)

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

Tuesday - March 08, 2011

Aporias of Historicism (2)

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

Tuesday - March 15, 2011

Spring Recess

Tuesday - March 22, 2011

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*)

Tuesday - March 29, 2011

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*)

Tuesday - April 05, 2011

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*)

Tuesday - April 12, 2011

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)

Tuesday - April 19, 2011

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)

Tuesday - April 26, 2011

Conclusion-Discussion of Student Work

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