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### Heidegger, Nietzsche and the Eternal Return of the Same

Much work has been done in recent years to document Heidegger's involvement in National Socialism. As for his possible *resistance* to it, Heidegger himself maintained that it is audible in the series of lectures on Nietzsche he gave between 1936 and 1940. "Everyone who had ears to hear," he told the *Spiegel* in 1966, "was able to hear in these lectures a confrontation with National Socialism." It is against this background that we will study his two-volume *Nietzsche* originally published in German in 1961, reading it in tandem with David Farrell Krell's English translation that appeared in 1991. In order to trace what transpires between Heidegger and Nietzsche, we will examine a number of key texts by the latter – most notably, *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* and *The Will to Power* – in addition to lectures and essays by the former. Topics include: the will to power as art; the eternal recurrence of the same; the figure of Zarathustra; the will to power as knowledge; Nietzsche's metaphysics; and European nihilism. While no German is required, a reading knowledge of it is desirable. **Taught in English.**

#### Books to be purchased:

##### *English:*

Heidegger, *Nietzsche*, vol. 1 and 2, trans. David F. Krell ISBN: 0-06-063841-9

Heidegger, *Nietzsche*, vol. 3 and 4, trans. David F. Krell ISBN: 0-06-063794-3

Nietzsche, *Also sprach Zarathustra / Thus Spoke Zarathustra* (bilingual edition) ISBN: 9781909669796

Nietzsche, *The Will to Power*, trans. Anthony M. Ludovici ISBN: 9781545225370

##### *German* (optional):

Heidegger, *Nietzsche*, Bd. 1 and Bd. 2 ISBN: 978-3-608-9186-5

Nietzsche, *Der Wille zur Macht*, Kröner Verlag

#### Course Requirements:

**Class Presentation:** Each student enrolled in the course will be required do a 15-20 minute presentation that will involve laying out key issues in the reading, sketching out a general

approach to the text for that particular week and raising questions based on unresolved issues that arose in one's own attempts to make sense of the text. **10% of grade**

**Papers:** Students will have the option of writing **two 10-12 pp. papers** (the first due on or before March 21, the second on or before May 4) or **one 20-25 pp. term paper** (due on May 4). Graduate students are strongly encouraged to choose the second option. Students writing a term paper are required to turn in an outline with bibliography by March 21 and to receive approval of the topic and methodology from the professor before proceeding. **90% of grade**

### Department Policies

#### o *Attendance*

All students must attend regularly and arrive prepared; if you expect to miss one or two classes, please use the University absence reporting website <https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra/> to indicate the date and reason for your absence. An email is automatically sent to me. Those who miss more than two class sessions without a compelling excuse should expect a one-step reduction in the course grade (i.e. an A becomes a B+, a B+ becomes a B). Three late arrivals count as one absence. Note: It is the responsibility of students who have been absent (for any reason) to find out what they have missed and obtain materials that may have been handed out.

#### o *Disability Support Services*

Students who may be requesting accommodations due to disabilities are encouraged to familiarize themselves with procedures and policies regarding disability support services at the following website: <http://disabilityservices.rutgers.edu/>. It is recommended that students seeking accommodations begin filing paperwork as soon as possible as the documentation review process may take up to 30 business days. Students are encouraged to speak with teachers about these issues at the beginning of the term. All such conversations will be kept strictly confidential.

#### o *Academic Integrity*

Violations of academic integrity are an extremely serious matter, and can lead to a student's failing the course and being referred to the University's Office of Student Conduct for disciplinary action. When referring to ideas other than your own, always acknowledge your sources clearly and completely, whether you are quoting or paraphrasing. Note also that use of online translation services is not permitted as a tool for generating work that you submit for course credit. Please see the University's policies on academic integrity at <http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/>, and discuss with your instructor any questions you may have about this and related issues.

#### ***Important Additional Information:***

Cell phones and all other technological devices (beepers, iPods, MP3players...) *must be turned off during class* unless used for class-related purposes. Failure to comply may result in dismissal from class and a drop in class participation grade.

**Office hours:**

Students are strongly advised to consult with the professor about any problems that might arise regarding ideas for presentations, material to be covered on an exam, etc. **Office hours are Mondays between 4:15 and 6:00 p.m. – or by appointment.**

**Class Schedule**

(subject to change)

All text references to the English translation

January 17	Introduction
	24 Heidegger, <i>Nietzsche I</i> Nietzsche, <i>The Will to Power as Art</i> Sections 1-11; pp. 1-68
	31 Heidegger, <i>Nietzsche I</i> Nietzsche, <i>The Will to Power as Art</i> Sections 12-17; pp. 69-137
February	7 Heidegger, <i>Nietzsche I</i> Nietzsche, <i>The Will to Power as Art</i> Sections 18-25; pp. 138-210
	14 Nietzsche, <i>Also sprach Zarathustra / Thus Spoke Zarathustra</i> Parts 1 & 2
	21 Nietzsche, <i>Also sprach Zarathustra / Thus Spoke Zarathustra</i> Parts 3 & 4
	28 Heidegger, <i>Nietzsche II</i> The Eternal Recurrence of the Same Sections 1-8; pp. 1-62
March	7 Heidegger, <i>Nietzsche II</i> The Eternal Recurrence of the Same Sections 9-18; pp. 63-140
	14 Spring Break
	21 Heidegger, <i>Nietzsche II</i> The Eternal Recurrence of the Same Sections 19-26; pp. 141-208
	28 Heidegger, <i>Nietzsche II</i> Part 2: Who is Nietzsche's Zarathustra? pp. 209-236
April	4 Heidegger, <i>Nietzsche III</i> Part 1: The Will to Power As Knowledge Sections 1-7; pp. 1-52

- 11 Heidegger, *Nietzsche* III  
Part 1: The Will to Power As Knowledge  
Sections 8-15; pp. 53-100
- 18 Heidegger, *Nietzsche* III  
Part 1: The Will to Power As Knowledge  
Sections 16-22; pp. 101-158
- 25 Heidegger, *Nietzsche* III  
Part 2: The Eternal Recurrence of the Same and the Will to Power  
pp. 159-184

May

- 2 EXTRA SESSION OPTIONAL  
Heidegger, *Nietzsche* III  
Part 3: Nietzsche's Metaphysics  
Sections 1-6; pp. 185-254