

# UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

## Intercollegiate Lectures 2001-2

### **Logic and Metaphysics Schedule**

*Aim of course:* To introduce some central topics in philosophical logic and metaphysics. See the Study Guide for the detailed syllabus.

*Objectives:* students who have attended this course and worked at it will have a grasp of some of the fundamental concepts, central problems and arguments in this area of philosophy.

### Timetable

- There are two lectures a week in the first term (Monday 11am and Friday 2pm) and one in the second term (Monday 11am) The Monday lectures are repeated on Fridays at 6pm at Birkbeck College.
- The course is on a two-year cycle, which means that the whole syllabus is covered over two years of lectures. But students who attend only one year will nonetheless have covered enough topics to enable them to start preparing for their examinations.

#### **Term one, Monday 11am**

TRUTH: Keith Hossack (KCL)

The lectures will sketch a taxonomy of theories of truth. The classical theories assume that 'true' picks out a substantive property, but disagree over whether the property is mind-independent. Some more recent theories question whether truth is a genuine property at all; others, responding to the paradox of the Liar, have suggested that truth has a nature that is essentially incompletable or even contradictory.

MODALITY AND LOGIC: Scott Sturgeon (Birkbeck)

We shall look at various modalities: logical, conceptual, metaphysical and nomic. We'll investigate how they relate to one another, what their logic should be, and how they relate to apriority and analyticity.

#### **Term one, Friday 2pm**

CONSCIOUSNESS: David Papineau (KCL)

Is the conscious mind part of the physical world, or something extra to it? These lectures shall explain materialist and dualist views of consciousness, and analyze the arguments for and against.

**PERSONAL IDENTITY:** Paul Snowdon (UCL)

The aim of this lecture course is to consider issues raised by the problem of personal identity. In particular, both the nature of the problem and the merits of the leading current theories will be discussed.

**Term two, Monday 11am**

**TIME:** Ursula Coope (Birkbeck)

In this course we shall discuss a number of central problems in the metaphysics of time. Topics to be covered include: the nature of the present, the relation between time and change, fatalism and the possibility of time travel.

**FREGE'S PUZZLE:** Mark Kalderon (UCL)

We will examine Frege's Puzzle and responses. Special attention will be paid to considerations relevant to Leibniz's law.