Philosophy 539/Theory of Knowledge

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Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-9:50 Marx 201

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An examination of selected topics in contemporary epistemology.

*The first meeting of the seminar will take place on Monday March 25th (the Monday after Spring Break). We will then meet twice a week until the end of the semester.

*For the first meeting, it would make sense to read Timothy Williamson’s “Evidence”. Those looking for a bit more background/something of a gentler introduction to relevant issues might look at Kelly, “Evidence: Fundamental Concepts and the Phenomenal Conception” before turning to the Williamson. Both of these are now available on the course blackboard site, under “Course Materials”.

**Tentative Schedule**

1) Monday, March 25th.

   Timothy Williamson, “Evidence”. Chapter 9 of his *Knowledge and Its Limits*.


2) Wednesday, March 27th.

   John Hawthorne, “Knowledge and False Belief” (draft).
3) Monday, April 1\textsuperscript{st}.

Gilbert Harman, “The Inference to the Best Explanation”. 

Peter Lipton, “Induction” and “Inference to the Best Explanation”. Chapters 1 and 4 of his *Inference to the Best Explanation*.

4) Wednesday, April 3\textsuperscript{rd}.


5) Monday, April 8\textsuperscript{th}.

Sarah McGrath and Thomas Kelly, “Equilibrium in Ethics and Epistemology” (draft).

6) Wednesday, April 10\textsuperscript{th}.

Jeffrey Sanford Russell, John Hawthorne, and Lara Buchak. “Groupthink” (draft).

7) Monday, April 15\textsuperscript{th}.

Thomas Kelly, “Disagreement in Philosophy” (draft).

8) Wednesday, April 17\textsuperscript{th}.

Cian Dorr, Jeremy Goodman, and John Hawthorne “Knowing Against the Odds” (draft).

9) Monday, April 22\textsuperscript{nd}.
Hawthorne, “Knowledge, Practical Adequacy, and Stakes” (draft).

10) Wednesday, April 24th. Hawthorne on Grice on Reasons.

11) Monday, April 29th. **Dan Greco visits the seminar.**

   Daniel Greco, “Could KK Be OK?”

   Daniel Greco, “Iteration and Fragmentation”

12) Wednesday, May 1st.

   Peter van Inwagen, “Philosophical Failure”. Lecture 3 of his *The Problem of Evil* (OUP, 2006).

   Sarah McGrath and Thomas Kelly, “Are There Any Successful Philosophical Arguments?” (draft).