

List of texts / topics for student's papers in module "Cultural Philosophy"

Cultural Philosophy in Giambattista Vico:

- Giambattista Vico: *New Science: Principles of the New Science Concerning the Common Nature of Nations*, Penguin Classics; 3rd Revised ed. 1999.
 - Idea of the Work
 - Book I, Sections II-IV
 - Book II, Prolegomena, Sections I, III-V
 - Book IV, Section XIII, ch. 1-2
 - Book V, Introduction, ch. 1, 3
 - Conclusion of the work
- o **Study literature**
 - Peter Burke: *Vico*, (Past Masters) Oxford University Press 1985.
 - Isaiah Berlin, "The Philosophical Ideas of Giambattista Vico, Part one: General theory", in: *Vico and Herder. Two Studies in the Histories of Ideas*, London 1992, 3-98.
 - Josef Mali: "Vico", in: Aviezer Tucker (ed.): *A Companion to the Philosophy of History and Historiography*, Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell 2008.

Cultural Critic in Jean-Jacques Rousseau

- Jean-Jacques Rousseau: *Discourse on the Sciences and the Arts* (1750)
- Jean-Jacques Rousseau: *A Discourse on the Origin of Inequality* (1755)
 - o Both in: „Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Collected Writings“, edited by Roger Masters, Dartmouth 1990-2010.

Cultural Philosophy in Immanuel Kant

- Immanuel Kant: *Toward Perpetual Peace and Other Writings on Politics, Peace, and History*, ed. by Pauline Kleingeld, Yale Univ Press 2006.

Cultural Philosophy in Johann Gottfried Herder

- Johann Gottfried Herder: *Ideas for the Philosophy of the History of Mankind*, in: F.M. Barnard (ed.): *J. G. Herder on Social & Political Culture* (Cambridge Studies in the History and Theory of Politics), Cambridge University Press 2010.
 - o **Study Literature:**
 - Hubertus Busche: "Cultural Philosophy", printed study material, transl. by A. Duncan, ch. 2.1.

Cultural Critic in Friedrich Schiller

- Friedrich Schiller: *Letters on the Aesthetic Education of Man*, In: Daniel O. Dahlstrom and Walter Hinderer (eds.): *Essays*, New York: Continuum 1993.
 - o **Study Literature:**
 - Dahlstrom, Daniel O., 2008, "The Ethical and Political Legacy of Aesthetics: Friedrich Schiller's Letter on the Aesthetic Education of Mankind", in Daniel O. Dahlstrom (ed.), *Philosophical Legacies: Essays on the Thought of Kant, Hegel, and Their Contemporaries*,

Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press: pp. 93–102.

Cultural Critic in Karl Marx

- *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844*, In: Karl Marx, *Selected Writings*, ed. by David McLellan, Oxford 2000.
 - o **Study Literature:**
 - Maguire, John, 1972, *Marx's Paris Writings*, Dublin: Gill and Macmillan.

Cultural Critic in Friedrich Nietzsche

- *On the Use or Abuse of History for Life*, In: *Untimely Meditations*, transl. by R.J. Hollingdale, Cambridge 1983.

Does Language determine our Thinking and Worldview?

Humboldt

- Wilhelm von Humboldt: *Essays on Language*, ed. by T. Harden and T. Farelly, Peter Lang 1997.
- Wilhelm von Humboldt: *On Language: On the Diversity of Human Language Construction and its Influence on the Mental Development of the Human Species*, Michael Losonsky (ed.), translated by Peter Heath, Cambridge Texts in the History of Philosophy, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999.
 - o **Study Literature:**
 - James W. Underhill: *Humboldt, Worldview and Language*, Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh 2009.
 - Rolf Elberfeld: *Languages – Cultures – Thought*, printed study material, ch. 2.4.

Whorf:

- J.B. Carrol (ed.): *Language, Thought, and Reality: Selected Writing of Benjamin Lee Whorf*. MIT Press, Cambridge, Mass.
 - o **Critic:**
 - P. M. S. Hacker: *The Intellectual Powers: A Study of Human Nature*, ch. 10.

Quine:

- Willard van Orman Quine: *Word and Object*, 1966, § 7, 12, 15, 16.
 - o **Critic:**
 - Hans-Johan Glock: *Quine and Davidson on Language, Thought and Reality*, Cambridge University Press, 2003, ch. 6 & 7.

Davidson:

- Donald Davidson: “On the Very Idea of a Conceptual Scheme”, in: *Proceedings and Addresses of the American Philosophical Association*, Vol. 47 (1973 - 1974), pp. 5-20.

Is there an innate language of thought that is common to all men?

Pro:

- Jerry Fodor: *The Language of Thought*, MIT Press 1975, ch. 2.

Contra:

- P. M. S. Hacker: *The Intellectual Powers: A Study of Human Nature*, ch. 10, esp. 10.4 & 10.5.

Cultural Philosophy in Georg Simmel

- Georg Simmel: "Concept and Tragedy of Culture"
- Georg Simmel: "The Crisis of Culture"
 - o Both in: *Simmel on Culture: Selected Writings*, ed. by David Patrick Frisby & Mike Featherstone, SAGE Publications Ltd. 1998
 - o **Study Literature:**
 - Hubertus Busche: "Cultural Philosophy", printed study material, transl. by A. Duncan, ch. 2.2.

Cultural Philosophy in Oswald Spengler

- Oswald Spengler: „*The Decline of the West: Outlines of a Morphology of world history*“, *Introduction*
 - o **Critic:**
 - Hubertus Busche: "Cultural Philosophy", printed study material, transl. by A. Duncan, ch. 2.3.
 - William Dray: "A Vision of World history: Oswald Spengler and the Life-Cycle of Cultures", in: William Dray: *Perspectives on History*, pp. 99-124.

Cultural Philosophy in Ernst Cassirer

- Ernst Cassirer: *An Essay on Man: An Introduction to a Philosophy of Human Culture*. Yale University Press; 1944 (Reprint edition 1992), Part I and one chapter from Part II by choice of the student

Cultural Philosophy in Walter Benjamin

- Walter Benjamin: *The Work of Art in the Age of mechanical Reproduction*, In: *Selected Writings*, 4 Volumes, edited by Howard Eiland, Cambridge 1991-1999.

Cultural Philosophy in Theodor W. Adorno / Max Horkheimer

- Theodor W. Adorno / Max Horkheimer: *Dialectic of Enlightenment: Philosophical Fragments*, Stanford 2002 (1944), Chap.: *Industry of Culture. Enlightenment as Mass Deception*.

The Discussion about the difference between natural sciences and the humanities:

Dilthey

- Wilhelm Dilthey: "The Structure of the Historic World in the Humanities" (1910) In: *Selected Works*, edited by R.A. Makkreel, Princeton, 1985-2010.
 - o **Study Literature:**
 - Makkreel, Rudolf: *Dilthey: Philosopher of the Human Studies*. Princeton University Press 1992.

- Makkreel, Rudolf, 2010. “Wilhelm Dilthey and the Neo-Kantians: On the conceptual distinction between Geisteswissenschaften and Kulturwissenschaften”, in: Luft, Sebastian and Makkreel, Rudolf (eds.), 2010. *Neo-Kantianism in Contemporary Philosophy*, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 253–271.

Windelband

- Wilhelm Windelband: „Rectorial Address, Strasbourg, 1894, in: *History and Theory*, Vol. 19, No. 2 (1980), 169-185.
 - **Study Literature:**
 - Makkreel, Rudolf, 2010. “Wilhelm Dilthey and the Neo-Kantians: On the conceptual distinction between Geisteswissenschaften and Kulturwissenschaften”, in: Luft, Sebastian and Makkreel, Rudolf (eds.), 2010. *Neo-Kantianism in Contemporary Philosophy*, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 253–271.

Rickert

- Heinrich Rickert: *Science and history: A critique of positivist epistemology*. (Tr. George Reisman.) Princeton/Toronto/New York/London: Van Nostrand. Complete translation of Rickert 1926.
 - **Study Literature:**
 - Oakes, Guy, 1988. *Weber and Rickert: Concept Formation in the Cultural Sciences*, Cambridge MA: MIT Press.
 - [see Study Literature on Windelband]

Weber

- Max Weber: “The „Objectivity“ of social-scientific and social-political Insight”, in: Gerth, H.H., and C. Wright Mills (eds.), 1946. *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1946.
 - **Study Literature:**
 - Oakes, Guy, 1988. *Weber and Rickert: Concept Formation in the Cultural Sciences*, Cambridge MA: MIT Press.
 - Allen, Kieran: “Max Weber”, in: Timothy O’Connor / Constantine Sandis (eds.): *A Companion to the Philosophy of Action*, Oxford 2010, S. 546-553.

Collingwood

- Collingwood, Robin G.: „Human Nature and Human History“, “History as Re-Enactment of Past Experience”, “The Subject-Matter of History”
 - in: Collingwood, Robin G.: *The Idea of History*, rev. ed., edited by Jan van der Dussen, Oxford 1993.
 - **Study Literature:**
 - Dray, William: "R.G. Collingwood and the Understanding of Action in History", in: Dray, William: *Perspectives on History*, London [u.a.] 1980, S. 9-26.
 - Dray, William: “Collingwood’s historical individualism”, in: Dray, William: *On History and Philosophers of History*, Leiden [u.a.] 1989.
 - D’Oro, Giuseppina and Connelly, James, "Robin George Collingwood", The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Summer 2010 Edition),

Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL =
<<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/sum2010/entries/collingwood/>>.

Semiotic Theory of Culture:

- Clifford Geertz: "Thick Description. Remarks about an interpretive Theory of Culture", in: *Local Knowledge: Further Essays in Interpretive Anthropology* (1983), Basic Books 2000.

The titles of the Study Literature are intended as a recommendation. It is not a must to read it for the papers, but it is an advantage. Only with Quine, Whorf and Spengler the paper's subject should consist in the primary text and the respective critical literature.