

SESSION FOUR

EXPERIENCE, JUSTIFICATION, AND INFERENCE

READING

Essential reading

David Hume, 'Sceptical Doubts concerning the Operation of the Understanding', in *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* (1748), Part 1, Section 4.

Hume, 'Of the Idea of Necessary Connexion', in *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* (1748), Part 1, Section 7.

* The following website is an excellent resource for accessing the primary texts listed above: Jonathan F. Bennett, 'Some texts from Early Modern Philosophy', www.earlymoderntexts.com.

Recommended reading

Barry Stroud, *Hume* (London: Routledge, 1988), 'Causality and the Inference from the Observed to the Unobserved: The Negative Phase', ch.3. [Accessible as an e-book via LRC.]

A.J. Ayer, *Hume* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000), pp.85-91. [Accessible as an e-book via LRC.]

Further reading

Marina Frasca-Spada and P.J.E. Kail, *Impressions of Hume* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005). Read chapters entitled 'Waiting for Hume' and 'Meeting the Hare in her Doubles: Causal Belief and General Belief'. (Accessible as an e-book via LRC.)

Timothy Williamson, *Knowledge and its Limits* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002). Read the introduction and chapter 1. (Accessible as an e-book via LRC.)

Hans Reichenbach, 'Rationalism and Empiricism: An Inquiry into the Roots of Philosophical Error', in *The Philosophical Review*, Vol.57, No.4 (Jul., 1948), pp.330-46. (Accessible via Jstor).