

# Philosophy of Language II

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5 credits

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## 1. Meaning and reference

Frege: Sense and Reference

Russell: On Denoting

Strawson: On Referring

Donnellan: Reference and Definite Descriptions

Kripke: Identity and Necessity

## 2. Meaning and truth

Tarski: The Semantic Conception of Truth and the Foundations of Semantics

## 3. Meaning and verification

Quine: Two dogmas of Empiricism

## 4. Meaning and intention

Grice: Meaning

## 5. Meaning and action

Austin: Performative Utterances

## 6. Meaning and communication

Grice: Logic and Conversation

## Bibliography

Lycan, W. (1999), *Philosophy of Language*. London: Routledge.

Martinich, A. P. (ed.): *The Philosophy of Language*. Oxford U. Press, 1990.  
Taylor, K. (1998), *Truth and meaning*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

### **Assignments.**

1. **2 Short Papers.** One for parts 1-3 (by Wednesday, April 1) and one for parts 4-6 (by Monday, May 18, a short paper discussing one (1) claim or argument made in one (or more) of the readings.

2. **Exam.** Students who do not hand in the short papers by the due date will be graded on the basis of their exam only for a maximum of 7 points. If you can't complete your papers to your satisfaction, you are better off handing in some version of it showing some work than nothing at all.

**Drafts.** I'm happy to talk over your ideas with you as often as you like, but I don't read drafts of papers.

### **Handing things in.**

Papers should be emailed to [kepa.korta@ehu.es](mailto:kepa.korta@ehu.es).

The subject line of the email should be in the form

Phil of Lang II/YOUR NAME/PAPER [1 or 2]

Put your name on the paper.

Number the pages

Double spaced, 12 pt. type

Attach the paper in Word, rft, or pdf format.

Include the file type (.doc, .pdf, etc) in the title of the attached document.