

Heidegger's Being and Time Summer 2020 Reading Group

Objective: To complete the *First Division* of Being and Time as aided by Hubert Dreyfus

Meetings: We will meet on **TUESDAYS at 3pm** Over zoom at first (I will distribute weekly links), and when quarantine ends, in person at a local coffee shop. Prepare for ~2hour sessions.

Meeting Goals: Our plan is to get through all of the major movements of B&T. This means that if we don't sufficiently finish a discussion in its due week, we will *not* continue on in the following week.

Requirements: *Do the reading!* Ideally, come with prepared with questions & outlined arguments of interest. The latter is purely optional, but the more prepared you come, the better discussion will be!

Notes on the Syllabus: I have included both optional reading from Dreyfus' *Being-in-the-World (BITW)*– a commentary on B&T in addition to a series of optional podcasted lectures from Dreyfus' Berkley course on Div. I. Consuming the optional content is absolutely *optional*. However! B&T is an imminently challenging work and the more resources we have at our disposal, the more fruitful our discussions together will be in ultimately cultivating our understanding of the book.

Req. Materials (Hyperlinked): [*Being and Time \(Macquarrie & Robinson Trans.\)*](#), [BITW](#), [Podcasts](#) – I can provide PDF's for both books and the downloaded podcasts *upon request*. **Please buy the correct translation.**

5-12-20 – Being and Dasein:

Assigned: 67-77

Optional: BITW Introduction + Ch. 3

Audio: Lecture 1, 2, 3

6-23-20 - Understanding:

Assigned: 182-203

Optional: BITW Ch. 11

Audio: Lecture 16, 17, 18

5-19-20 – Being-in-the-World:

Assigned: 78-102

Optional: BITW Ch. 4 + 5

Audio: Lecture 4, 5, 6

6-30-20 – Discourse & Falling:

Assigned: 203-224

Optional: BITW Ch. 12 + 13

Audio: Lecture 19, 20, 21

5-26-20 – Critique of Descartes:

Assigned: 102-122

Optional: BITW Ch. 6

Audio: Lecture 7, 8

7-7-20 - Care:

Assigned: 224-244

Optional: BITW Ch. 14

Audio: Lecture 22, 23

6-2-20 – Spatiality:

Assigned: 122-148

Optional: BITW Ch. 7

Audio: Lecture 9, 10

7-14-20 – Reality & Truth:

Assigned: 244-273

Optional: BITW Ch. 15

Audio: Lecture 24, 25, 26

6-9-20 – The One:

Assigned: 149-168

Optional: BITW Ch. 8

Audio: Lecture 11, 12

7-21-20 - Phenomenology and Method

Assigned: Introduction I + Introduction II

Optional: BITW Ch. 1+2 (+ Appendix?)

Audio: Lecture 27, 28

6-16-20 – Being-in & Disposedness:

Assigned: 169-182 + 389-396

Optional: BITW Ch. 9 + 10

Audio: Lecture 13, 14, 15

<https://lms-utah.zoom.us/j/92273185106>

Mode of being	What happens	Dasein's stance	What is encountered	What does the encountering
Most genuine (pure) readiness-to-hand (Zuhandenheit)	Equipment (Zeug) functioning smoothly. Absorbed in practical activity.	Absorbed dealing ⁹⁵ (umgehen). Inconspicuous functioning. Readiness-to-hand Manipulation. ⁹⁵	No object, on holistic background of familiarity.	Dasein. No subject.
Everyday readiness-to-hand				Coper on a skill-based background
Unreadiness-to-hand (Unzuhandenheit)	Equipment problem: Any contrast to the normal			
	(1) Malfunction conspicuous (Auffällig): hammering is awkward	Try to get going again (pick up another hammer).	Context-dependent aspects or characteristics of things (hammer as "too heavy").	
	(2) Temporary breakdown Obsolete (auflässig): head comes off hammer.	Practical deliberation. Eliminating the disturbance.	<i>Ceteris paribus</i> rules. The interconnectiveness of equipment. The toward-whichs (das Wozu).	
	(3) Permanent breakdown. Obtrusive (Aufdringlich): unable to find hammer..	Helpless standing before, but still concerned.	The worldly character of the workshop, including the for-the-sake-of-whichs (das Warum-willen)	
Pure Presence-at-hand (Vorhandenheit)	Everyday practical activity stops.	Detached standing before, (Just looking-curiousity)	Just present-at-hand and no more. Substances with properties.	"Subject" with "neutral content on" background a non mental background.
Present-at-hand and no more		Theoretical reflection. (Wunder). Pure discovering	Isolable, determinate properties, and objects as collections of properties (hammer weighs 500 g). Reordered in a theory. The <i>universe</i> as a law-governed set of theory-laden elements.	Abstract thinker
Pseudo pure Presence-at-hand	Rest. Getting the job finished	Contemplation. Pure beholding	Supposed bare facts, sense data, <i>res extensa</i> .	Supposed Self-sufficient subject. Monad. Transcendental ego <i>Res cogitans</i> .

The structural elements of being-in

Most primordial (225)		
Thrownness	Falling	Projecting
Experienced as (224) (400)		
Disposedness	Discourse	Understanding For-the-sake-of-which
Made concrete in		
Mood	Absorbed dealing	Pressing into possibilities
Dasein's Essence (235)		
Facticity	Being-fallen	Existentiality
Care Structure		
Being-already-in-the-world	Being-amidst-entities	Being-ahead of-itself
TEMPORALITY		
Past	Present	Future