

FIL 2105 Exam (Spring 2015 semester):

Under *each* of the headings below (Mind and Metaphysics), choose one of the two essay topics and write an essay of approximately 1000-1400 words excl. literature list. Make sure to answer all parts of the question. No matter which topic you choose to write on, make sure to (i) organize your paper around arguing for a thesis of your own, and (ii) demonstrate knowledge of the relevant literature that we have studied. Don't forget to cite and include a bibliography of any articles or sources that you discuss. You should focus on the course readings and only refer to any secondary literature if necessary.

Please submit your essay in the Examination folder on Fronter by **14:00 on Thursday, June 4th, 2015**. General instructions for how to submit assignments on Fronter can be found here:

http://www.hf.uio.no/ifikk/english/studies/admin/submitting/submitting_fronter.html

Mind

Choose one of the following essay topics and write an essay of 1000-1400 words.

Essay Topic 1 - Mind

How can an appeal to phenomenal concepts be used to defuse Jackson's Knowledge Argument? Do you think the phenomenal concept strategy succeeds? Explain why or why not.

Essay Topic 2 – Mind

What is Yablo's account of conceivability as a guide to possibility? Why does Yablo think his account is the correct account? Briefly discuss whether or not you think Yablo's account is correct.

Metaphysics

Choose one of the following essay topics and write an essay of 1000-1400 words.

Essay Topic 1 – Metaphysics

What is linguistic ersatzism? What is Lewis' main argument against linguistic ersatzism? Do you think Lewis' argument succeeds?

Essay Topic 2 – Metaphysics

What is the difference between transworld identity and counterpart theory? Why does Lewis endorse counterpart theory? Do you think that Lewis is correct to endorse counterpart theory?