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Inheriting from Frege and Russell/Arven fra Frege og Russell

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Description

The course will focus on the great logician and philosopher Gottlob Frege (1848 – 1925), whose work revolutionized logic, semantics and philosophy of language, and the philosophy of mathematics. Frege's most important philosophical works will be studied in detail.

The course will pay special attention to the following topics:

- the analytic/synthetic distinction and the notion of sameness of meaning (or sense)
- conceptions of truth (deflationism vs. its opponents)
- the nature and objectivity of logic
- the relation between logic and metaphysics

Although our study of Frege will *in part* be historical, it will not be *exclusively* historical. Some of Frege's more important views will be put to the test by confronting them with some more recent—and often diverging—views on the same issues, advocated by philosophers such as W.V. Quine, Michael Dummett, and Timothy Williamson.