

Oxford Philosophy of Perception

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Figure 1: John Cook Wilson

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This seminar will concern Oxford reflection on perception in the first half of the twentieth century. Special emphasis will be on how Oxford realism interacts with alien (Cantabrigian and Viennese) influences on theorizing about perception.

Thursday 3-5pm UCL Seminar Room

2 Reading

All reading is available at:

<http://markelikalderon.com/teaching/oxford-philosophy-of-perception/>.

The main reading will be:

- G.F. Stout “Primary and Secondary Qualities”; John Cook Wilson “Letter to Stout on Primary and Secondary Qualities”
- H.A. Prichard chapter 4, “Phenomena and Things in Themselves” of *Kant’s Theory of Knowledge*
- H.A. Prichard “The Sense Datum Fallacy”
- Gilbert Ryle chapter 7, “Observation and Sensation”, of *The Concept of Mind*
- G.A. Paul “Is There a Problem about Sense Data”
- A.J. Ayer chapter 1, “The Argument from Illusion” & chapter 2, “The Characterization of Sense Data” of *The Foundations of Empirical Knowledge*
- J.L. Austin lectures 9 & 10 of *Sense and Sensibilia*
- H.P. Grice “The Causal Theory of Perception”

Optional background reading:

- M.G.F. Martin “Sensible Appearances”
- M.G.F. Martin “Austin’s *Sense and Sensibilia* revisited”
- Mathieu Marion “Oxford Realism: Knowledge and Perception” parts I & II
- Charles Travis “A Sense of Occasion”