

## Philosophy of Action (FIL2207)

### Instruction for group presentations

- Each group has main responsibility for one seminar where the focus is on the particular texts to be discussed at that event. The texts to be discussed at a particular event are specified in the schedule.
- The group is free to put particular focus on some of the texts.
- The group is encouraged to discuss their presentation with me in advance of the seminar.
- The group presentation should consist of two parts: (1) summary and discussion of the main claims of the texts, and (2) a series of questions suitable for discussion in class:

1. Provide a summary and discussion of the main claims and arguments presented in the texts. The following topics are suitable for consideration in the presentation: Start with describing the main purpose of the text. Which view is criticized? Which view is defended? Then go into more detail: Describe the views that are criticized in the text. How does it relate to other texts you have read in the course? Describe the main arguments for this criticism. Are these critical arguments plausible? Are there even better arguments against the criticized view? How would it be possible to respond to these arguments? Describe the positive or constructive claims of the text. That is, what is the author's solution to the issues he or she is concerned with? How does it relate to other texts you have read in the course? Describe the main arguments for these constructive claims. Are these arguments plausible? What would constitute relevant criticism against these claims? Is the defended view overall plausible? (A view might be plausible even if an author happens to defend it with inferior arguments!) Are there any other ways one could solve the issues that the author of the text addresses? Of course, the presentation might involve further topics!

A suitable way of making the presentation more exciting is to let different group members represent different views in the texts.

2. Provide a number of questions about the main themes of the texts, suitable for general discussion in the class. They might concern some of the issues mentioned in the presentation, but they might also concern other issues suitable for discussion.

- The presentation should take approximately 45 – 60 minutes. The remaining time is reserved for a joint discussion in which the entire class should take part.
- Participation in group presentation is compulsory.