FIL4532 – Fall 2024

Fall 2024 the course will be organised as research seminar, devoted to the work of four women philosophers writing in the first half of the 20th Century: Edith Stein, Edith Landmann-Kalischer, Simone Weil and Iris Murdoch. We will explore these thinkers by reading key texts from their philosophical works, which are all highly original attempts to develop and challenge the philosophical tradition. These philosophers have different orientations and projects, but some themes will turn out to be central to all: emotion and affectivity, love, beauty and the good. The reading list includes both mandatory and recommended readings. All students will have to study the original works by Stein, Weil, Landmann-Kalischer and Murdoch, while some of the supporting texts (including short texts on freedom by Davis and Arendt and Stein's "Individual and Community") are optional.