Major Philosophical Figures
Fall, 2013
G. J. Mattey
Immanuel Kant

- 1724-1804
- Privat-dozent at Königsberg, 1755
- Professor at Königsberg, 1770
- Censured by Friedrich Wilhelm II, 1794
Kant’s Writings

- 1770, *On the Form and Principles of the Sensible and Intelligible World*
- 1785, *Foundations of the Metaphysics of Morals*
- 1788, *Critique of Practical Reason*
- 1790, *Critique of the Power of Judgment*
- 1793, *Religion within the Limits of Reason Alone*
- 1797, *Metaphysics of Morals*
- And much more
Arthur Schopenhauer

- 1788-1860
- Spoke English and French
- Began career in father’s business
- Doctorate, Jena, 1813
- Lectured at University of Berlin, 1822, 1825
- Lost a lawsuit for assault, 1825
Schopenhauer’s Writings

- 1813, *The Fourfold Root of the Principle of Sufficient Reason*
- 1816, *On Vision and Colors*
- 1819, *The World as Will and Representation*
- 1839, *On Freedom of the Human Will*
- 1840, *On the Basis of Morality*
- 1850, *Parerga and Paralipomena (essays)*
Johann Gottlieb Fichte

- 1762-1814
- Professor at Jena, 1794
- Forced out of his position, 1799
- First Professor of Philosophy at Berlin, 1810
Fichte’s Writings

✧ 1792, Attempt at a Critique of all Revelation
✧ 1794, Foundation of the Science of Knowledge
✧ 1796-7, Foundation of Natural Law
✧ 1798, Attempt at a New Presentation
✧ 1799, On the Basis of our Belief of a Divine Governance of the World
✧ 1800, The Vocation of Man
✧ 1806, The Characteristics of the Present Age
✧ And more
Friedrich Wilhelm Joseph Schelling

- 1775-1854
- Professor at Jena, 1798
- Professor at Würzburg, Munich, Erlangen, 1803-1841
- Professor at Berlin, assuming Hegel’s chair, 1841
Schelling’s Writings

- 1795, *Of the I as a Principle of Philosophy*
- 1797, *Philosophy of Nature*
- 1780, *System of Transcendental Idealism*
- 1801, *Presentation of my System of Philosophy*
- 1804, *System of the Whole of Philosophy*
- 1809, *On the Essence of Human Freedom*
- 1827-8, *System of the Ages of the World*
- 1842-3, *Foundations of the Positive Philosophy*
- And many more
Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

- 1770-1831
- Graduated in theology from Tübingen, 1793
- Professor at Jena, 1801
- Professor at Heidelberg, 1816
- Professor at Berlin, 1818
Hegel’s Writings

- 1801, *The Difference between Fichte’s and Schelling’s System*
- 1806, *The Phenomenology of Spirit*
- 1816, *The Science of Logic*
- 1817, *Encyclopedia of the Philosophical Sciences* (subsequent editions, 1827, 1830, 1840-45)
- 1821, *Foundations of the Philosophy of Right*
Søren Aabye Kierkegaard

- 1813-1855
- Inheritance makes him well-off, 1838
- Graduated in theology, University of Copenhagen, 1841
- Engaged to Regine Olsen, then broke it off, 1840-1
- Attended Shelling’s lectures, 1841
Kierkegaard’s Writings

- 1841, *On the Concept of Irony* (thesis)
- 1843, *Either-Or*
- 1843, *Fear and Trembling*
- 1844, *Philosophical Fragments*
- 1844, *The Concept of Anxiety*
- 1845, *Stages on Life’s Way*
- 1846, *Concluding Unscientific Postscript to Philosophical Fragments*
- 1849, *The Sickness Unto Death*
- And many more
Ludwig Feuerbach

- 1804-1872
- Son of a philosopher of law
- Doctorate, Erlangen, 1828
- Retired to Bruckberg, 1837
- Bankrupted, moved to Rechenberg, 1860
Feuerbach’s Writings

- 1830, *Thoughts on Death and Immortality*
- 1833, *History of Modern Philosophy*
- 1839, “Toward a Critique of Hegel’s Philosophy”
- 1841, *The Essence of Christianity*
- 1842, *Preliminary Theses on the Reform of Philosophy*
- 1843, *Principles of the Philosophy of the Future*
- 1845, *The Essence of Religion*
- And others
Karl Marx

- 1818-1883
- Doctorate in Philosophy, University of Jena, 1841
- 1843, Moved to Paris
- 1848, Moved to London
Marx’s Writings

- 1847, *The Poverty of Philosophy*
- 1848, *The Communist Manifesto* (with Friedrich Engels)
- 1867, *Capital* (Volume One)
- Unpublished
- “Critique of Hegel’s Philosophy of Right”
- *Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts*
- “Theses on Feuerbach”
- *The German Ideology* (with Engels)
Friedrich Nietzsche

- 1844-1900
- Studied at Bonn and Leipzig
- 1869, Professor of Classical Philology at University of Basil
- Resigned from Basil due to ill-health, 1879
- Suffered mental breakdown, 1899
Nietzsche’s Writings

- 1872, *The Birth of Tragedy*
- 1878, *Human, All-Too-Human*
- 1883-5, *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*
- 1886, *Beyond Good and Evil*
- 1887, *On the Genealogy of Morals*
- 1888, *Twilight of the Idols*
- 1888, *The Antichrist*
- 1888, *Ecce Homo*
- 1888, *Nietzsche Contra Wagner*
- 1880s, notebooks published by his sister as *The Will to Power*
Fyodor Mikhaylovich Dostoevsky

- 1821-1881
- Military Engineering School, 1837-43
- Member of Petrashevsky Circle, 1847-9
- Political Prisoner, 1850-54
- Editor, 1861-77
Dostoevsky Writings

- 1846, Poor Folk
- 1846, The Double
- 1862, The Insulted and Injured
- 1864, Notes from Underground
- 1866, Crime and Punishment
- 1868, The Idiot
- 1871-2, The Possessed
- 1875, A Raw Youth
- 1876, Diary of a Writer
- 1879-80, The Brothers Karamazov
- And others