

PHIL 5300/6300 Epistemology

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This class will focus on the epistemology of COLLECTIVE INQUIRY. How do we work together to learn about the world – in science, in universities, in corporations, in communities? We'll look at work in epistemology on the nature of trust, and how testimony works. We'll look at work from the philosophy of science about how communities of inquiry can function well – or break down. We'll look work about group agency, and how groups cooperate. And we'll look at empirical and historical work on how bureaucracies function to collect information – focusing on how social and political interests inform our classification systems, and our methods of data-collection and data-storage.