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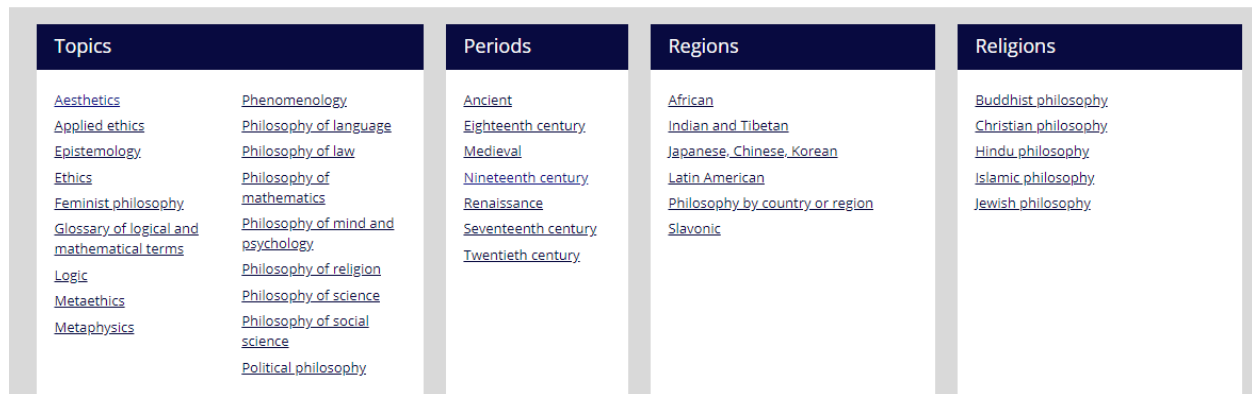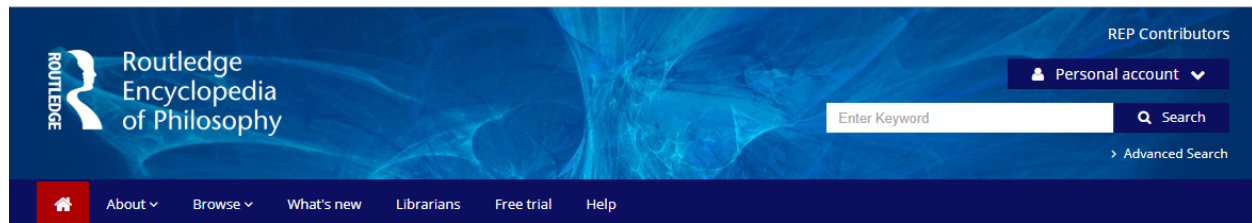
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☆ Biographical
Nancy, Jean-Luc (1940–)
REVISED By Fenves, Peter

Jean-Luc Nancy has developed, expanded and reimagined the general project of deconstructing Western philosophy. His early writings, some of which were written in collaboration with Philippe Lacoue-Labarthe, largely ...

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By   Mallon, Ron   Nichols, Shaun

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Article Summary

Experimental philosophy is not a philosophy, it is a method that is supposed to contribute to philosophical inquiry. Characteristically, experimental philosophers use empirical techniques to investigate philosophically significant intuitions about

Overviews

There are three types of articles: **overview**, **thematic**, and **biographical**.

For anyone new to REP Online the 'Overview' articles provide perfect entry points to key subjects. These articles provide an accessible overview of the sub-disciplines or regional coverage within REP Online—for example, Metaphysics; Science, philosophy of; East Asian philosophy.

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Thematic and biographical articles

Thematic articles range from the general, such as **Knowledge, concept of**, to specialized topics such as **Virtue epistemology**.

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Article organization and features

Every article page in REP Online comprises two main elements:

1. **Table of Contents** - all thematic and biographical articles over 1,000 words in length are divided into sections and have a numbered table of contents. This lists the headings of each of the article sections, enabling the reader to see the scope and structure of the article at a glance. It also includes links to the **Bibliography** and **Related Articles** within REP Online.

2. **Entry Details** - the article text appears in the middle of the screen. If the article has been revised, earlier versions will be accessible via the links (marked with the version number) below the title.

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Intuitions play a key role in much philosophical theorizing. The attempt to provide a conceptual analysis or definition for important philosophical concepts, e.g. *knowledge, meaning, responsibility*, has long been a major theoretical concern in philosophy. One prominent philosophical view holds that the meaning of our concepts is given by the folk theory (or set of common-sense beliefs) in which the

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2. Diversity in intuitions

Philosophers often seem to presuppose that when they contemplate concepts like *knowledge, meaning* and *responsible,* they are reflecting on concepts that are shared not only by other philosophers, but by the broader population (see Conceptual analysis). So the problems generated by such philosophical concepts are also supposed to resonate with virtually everyone. But is this empirical assumption true? Are the concepts and conceptual judgements of philosophers, themselves a rather narrow cross-section of humanity, representative of all of humanity? Experimental philosophers have begun to explore this assumption in different domains.

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To carry out a simple search, just enter your search term in the search box (top right-hand corner of the site) and our peer-reviewed tagging and keyword system will do the rest. Search results are ranked to give you the most useful articles first, and may be refined further to show only those from a specific subject area.

Stemming: by default, if you search for philosophy this will also find hits for grammatically related words such as philosophical, philosopher or philosophies. Exact matches in the title of an article will appear higher up in the search results than stemmed matches.

Truncation: use an apostrophe for truncation searching to find words starting with the same string of letters, e.g. 'psych' will find hits for psyche, psychology, psychiatry or psychoanalysis

Exact phrase search: use quotation marks to find exact matches for a phrase such as "I think therefore I am"

Advanced search

For a more tailored search, our Advanced Search page enables searches of bibliographies, or within particular subjects. The Advanced search page can be accessed by clicking the Advanced Search link at the top of the page.

To perform an Advanced search, enter your term in the search box and select one of the options from the drop-down menu to limit your search to instances within:

· - Anywhere in the text;
· - Article title;
· - Contributor/Author;
· - Bibliography (title);
· - Bibliography (author)

To add or exclude further search terms, click 'Add row' and select an operator from the drop-down menu: And; Or; Not.

For example, searching for 'existentialism' in Bibliography (title) Not 'sartre' in Bibliography (author) will find all bibliographic items which include existentialism in the title, excluding those written by Jean-Paul Sartre.

Searches may also be limited by instances within one or more topics by clicking the check box(es) next to each topic description.

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Within the search fields, the Boolean Operators AND (also + or &), OR, and NOT (also -) allow you to perform searches that specify logical relationships between terms. By default, i.e. if you do not use an operator, an AND-relationship between the terms you enter is established in the full text field. ✕

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Special characters

Special characters, for example accented characters e.g. Lévi-Strauss should be replaced with ordinary letters, e.g. Levi-Strauss, when searching

Filter your search

It is possible to filter search results by selecting the options on the left-hand side of the page. Search results may be filtered by Availability, Topics, Periods, Regions, Religions, Contributor, Article Type and Status. By clicking on one of these you will be returned a list of the articles which contain your search term within that criterion.

For example, to refine your search for 'Particularism' click on Topic to display the list of subjects within which the term occurs. Selecting Philosophy of language will return a list of articles which contain the term 'Particularism' and are relevant to that subject area. Filters may be used in combination, for example by then selecting Article Type > Overview.

Browse

All the articles are easily accessible via our main entry points: an A-Z table of contents when you Browse All; a list of subjects, divided into carefully edited sub-disciplines; and a list of all overview articles.

To browse the contents of the encyclopedia by theme, choose one of the subjects under Browse on the navigation bar. Choose a category from among Topics, Periods, Regions and Religions, to see the subjects in each category, e.g. Ethics, Twentieth century philosophy, African philosophy, Buddhist philosophy. Then click on one of the subject headings on the left to see a list of articles corresponding to that theme, region or period.

The first article(s) in any list will be the **Overview** for that subject; then will follow an alphabetical list of all the other articles classified under the subject.

The Browse by **Topics**, **Periods**, **Regions,** and **Religions** lists are intended as a means of leafing through the many different areas of philosophy within REP Online. The emphasis of the organization of articles has been upon inclusivity, with the aim of offering the greatest number of potential access routes to the material.

Conceptual organization

Several issues have had a bearing on the sequence of entries where there is more than one key term. In deciding on the sequence of entries we have tried, wherever possible, to integrate philosophy as it is known and studied in the USA and Europe with philosophy from around the world. This means that the reader will frequently find entries from different philosophical traditions or approaches to the same topic close to each other. For example, in the sequence:

· - Political philosophy
· - Political philosophy, African
· - Political philosophy, history of
· - Political philosophy in classical Islam
· - Political philosophy, Indian

Similarly, in entries where a philosophical tradition or approach is surveyed we have tried, whenever appropriate, to keep philosophical traditions from different countries together. For example, in the sequence:

· - Confucian philosophy, Chinese
· - Confucian philosophy, Japanese
· - Confucian philosophy, Korean
· - Confucius (551-479 BC)

Finally, historical entries are usually placed with contemporary entries under the topic rather than the historical period. For example, in the sequence:

- · - Language, ancient philosophy of
- · - Language and discrimination
- · - Language and gender
- · - Language, conventionality of
- · - Language, early modern philosophy of
- · - Language, Indian theories of
- · - Language, innateness of

Inverted titles

Title of entries consisting of more than one word are often inverted so that the key term (in a thematic entry) or the surname (in a biographical entry) determines the place of the entry in the alphabetical sequence. For example:

- · - Law, philosophy of
- · - Market, ethics of
- · - Hart, Herbert Lionel Adolphus (1907-93)

Glossary

The glossary is a resource offering short definitional entries, alphabetically organized, on terms used in the most technical areas of philosophy, philosophical logic and the philosophy of mathematics.

Access the Glossary of Logical and Mathematical Terms by going to Browse > Topics.

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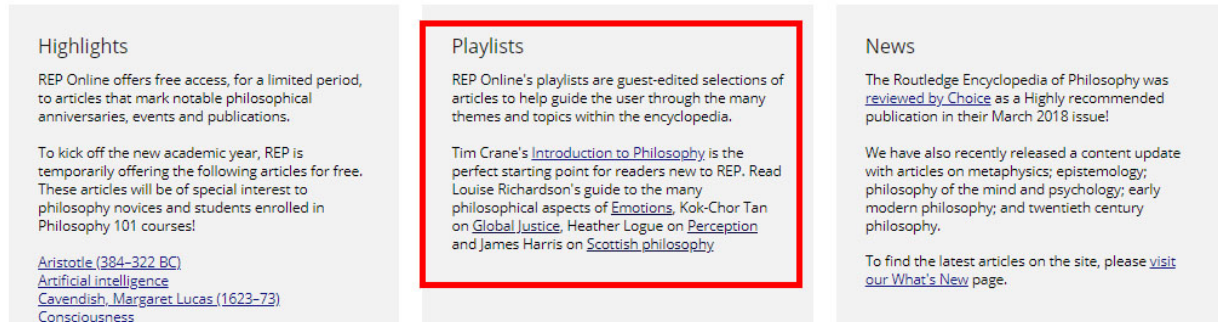| Sort by relevance ⬍ | | 24 pages | 25 ⬍ | ⏮ | ‹ | 1 | › | ⏭ |

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A new feature in 2015, our 'Playlists' are guest-edited selections of articles providing a more personal angle on the rich and diverse content of REP online. Compiled by leading scholars, many of them REP contributors, they spotlight articles in new and emerging topics, or topics that have been overlooked.

Access our newest playlists by scrolling to 'Playlists' on the homepage.

Highlights

REP Online offers free access, for a limited period, to articles that mark notable philosophical anniversaries, events and publications.

To kick off the new academic year, REP is temporarily offering the following articles for free. These articles will be of special interest to philosophy novices and students enrolled in Philosophy 101 courses!

Aristotle (384–322 BC)
Artificial intelligence
Cavendish, Margaret Lucas (1623–73)
Consciousness

Playlists

REP Online's playlists are guest-edited selections of articles to help guide the user through the many themes and topics within the encyclopedia.

Tim Crane's Introduction to Philosophy is the perfect starting point for readers new to REP. Read Louise Richardson's guide to the many philosophical aspects of Emotions, Kok-Chor Tan on Global Justice, Heather Logue on Perception and James Harris on Scottish philosophy

News

The Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy was reviewed by Choice as a Highly recommended publication in their March 2018 issue!

We have also recently released a content update with articles on metaphysics; epistemology; philosophy of the mind and psychology; early modern philosophy; and twentieth century philosophy.

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Transliteration and naming conventions

All names and terms from non-roman alphabets have been romanized in the Encyclopedia. Foreign names have been given according to the conventions within the particular language.

Arabic
Arabic has been transliterated in a simplified form, that is, without macrons or subscripts. Names of philosophers are given in their Arabic form rather than their Latinate form, for example, Ibn Rushd rather than Averroes. Arabic names beginning with the prefix 'al-' are alphabetized under the substantive part of the name and not the prefix. For example:
· - Al-Kindi, Abu Yusuf Ya'qub ibn Ishaq (d. c.866-73)

Arabic names beginning with the prefix 'Ibn' are alphabetized under 'I.'

Chinese, Korean, and Japanese
Chinese has been transliterated using the Pinyin system. Dummy titles in the older Wade-Giles system are given in the text for names and key terms; these direct the reader to the Pinyin titles. Japanese has been transliterated using a modified version of the Hepburn system. Chinese, Japanese and Korean names are given in Asian form, that is, surname preceding forenames. For example:
· - Wang Fuzhi
· - Nishitani Keiji

The exception is where an author has chosen to present their own name in conventional Western form.

Hebrew
Hebrew has been transliterated in a simplified form, that is, without macrons or subscripts.

Russian
Cyrillic characters have been transliterated using the Library of Congress system. Russian names are usually given with their patronymic, for example, Bakunin, Mikhail Aleksandrovich.

Sanskrit
A guide to the pronunciation of Sanskrit can be found in the Indian and Tibetan philosophy signpost entry.

Tibetan
Tibetan has been transliterated using the Wiley system. Dummy titles in the Virginia system are given in the text for names and key terms. A guide to Tibetan pronunciation can be found in the Indian and Tibetan Philosophy signpost entry.

European names
Names beginning with the prefixes, 'De', 'Von' or 'Van' are usually alphabetized under the substantive part of the name. For example:
· - Beauvoir, Simone de
· - Humboldt, Wilhelm von

The exception to this rule is when the person is either a national of or has spent some time living or working in an English-speaking country. For example:
· - De Morgan, Augustus
· - Von Wright, Georg Henrik

Names beginning with the prefix 'De la' or 'Le' are alphabetized under the prefix 'La' or 'Le'. For example:
· - La Forge, Louis de
· - Le Doeuff, Michèle

Names beginning with 'Mc' or 'Mac' are treated as 'Mac' and appear before Ma.

Historical Names
Medieval and Renaissance names where a person is not usually known by a surname are alphabetized under the forename. For example:
· - Giles of Rome
· - John of Salisbury