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AS IT FIRST APPEARS.
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PHILOSOPHY 290: Philosophical Hermeneutics

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In Person Graduate Seminar

Tuesdays 6:00-8:45 pm

Our focus in this course will be on philosophical hermeneutics, or the philosophy of interpretation. We will explore questions about the meaning of our experience, the possibility of translation, and the limits of human understanding.

We will read texts by Ricoeur, Gadamer, Heidegger, Derrida, Fish, and Villoro (among others).*

There will be short writing assignments throughout the semester and a longer research paper at the end.

To register for the course, you must be a **graduate student** or have **instructor consent**.

Our primary texts:

- Paul Ricoeur, *The Conflict of Interpretations: Essays in Hermeneutics*, Evanston: Northwestern University Press.
- Hans-Georg Gadamer, *Truth and Method*, Bloomsbury 2013.
- Martin Heidegger, Martin, *Being and Time*, the Mcquarrie-Robinson edition.

*Texts by Luis Villoro, Jacques Derrida, and Stanley Fish will be supplied by the instructor.