

Student Testimonial

I am a student at the Hebrew University, and as a part of my Masters degree in Philosophy I took part in Silvia Jonas' course about the philosophical foundations of mathematics (2014). My field of study is Kant's Third Critique. I was a student of Architecture, left it and went on to learn Philosophy, but art was always on my sights. Therefore, my background was near to zero in the course subjects. So naturally, it took me a lot of time to decide whether to enroll in Silvia's course. Silvia's patience and the way she navigated the course helped me to go along with subjects which were foreign to me (to say the least), and to enhance my overall knowledge.

But, strangely as it may sound, it helped me also in my studies. When writing my seminar paper I compared what I knew with the subjects that were learned. Silvia's careful supervising helped me to see the matter at hand from different angles, which led to enhance my knowledge, by questioning my point of view. At the end I was able to transfer my thoughts and to compare art with mathematics. All in all, it was one of the courses which I gained the most of, for Silvia's supervising balanced my writing, and helped me to find a much more clear line of thought.

As a lecturer, Silvia enabled the class to have an open discussion, and knew when and where to place questions that helped the debate to become more fruitful, helped us to understand better the articles at hand, and to relate the specific article to the entire conceptual sequence of the course. Therefore, I thought that Silvia's teaching and supervising were both excellent.

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