

## Silvia Jonas: “From Existence to Expression”

(Huji MA and advanced BA seminar in metaphysics, Fall Semester 2015)

This seminar explores some recent themes in the metaphysics of existence, identity, and perspective, as well as some central questions about the conceptualization and expression of reality. The course is open to MA and advanced BA students. The format is a weekly discussion of one pre-read text. Each student will be expected to give a small (10 min) introduction to one of the texts. Grades will be based on attendance, presentation, and (most importantly) a final seminar paper.

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### Identity

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9. Chalmers, David. 2004. “Imagination, Indexicality, and Intensions.” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* Vol. 68, No. 1: 182–190.

### Conceptualizing Reality

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### Expressing Reality

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