phil 246: hegel's *phenomenology of spirit*

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We'll read the book through on the following schedule.

**Oct 3**
- **Introduction**
  - **a. consciousness**
    - i. sense-certainty
    - ii. perception
    - iii. force and the understanding

**Oct 10**
- iii. force and the understanding
  - **b. self-consciousness**
    - iv.a. independence and dependence of self-consciousness: lordship and bondage

**Oct 17**
- iv.a. independence and dependence of self-consciousness
  - iv.b. freedom of self-consciousness: stoicism, skepticism, and the unhappy consciousness

**Oct 24**
- v. the certainty and truth of reason. a. observing reason

**Oct 31**
- v.b. the actualization of rational self-consciousness through its own activity

**Nov 7**
- v.c. individuality which takes itself to be real in and for itself

(b) **Spirit**

**Nov 14**
- vi. spirit. a. the *true* spirit. the ethical order

**Nov 21**
- vi.b. self-alienated spirit. culture

**Nov 28**
- vi.c. spirit that is certain of itself. morality

(cc) **Religion**

**Dec 5**
- vii. religion

(dd) **Absolute Knowing**

Exam week
- viii. absolute knowing

[preface]

A few notes. We'll be using A.V. Miller's 1977 translation, which you can find in .pdf on the ccle site for the seminar. We'll start from the introduction, leaving the preface (last in the order of Hegel's composition) to our last meeting. We'll arrange that last, eleventh, meeting for an afternoon during exam week. Chapters iii and iv are each on the agenda twice. Please try to read each stretch of text before the first meeting at which we plan to talk about it. The reading for the first meeting is especially demanding, a slog; don't worry if you don't pull this off; we'll catch up with ourselves in the end.