

THE LAZY PHILOSOPHER'S GUIDE TO METAPHYSICS

[FOUR DAY COURSE]

Dates

15 - 18 November 2022
Starts Tuesday at 6.30pm.
Ends Friday at 1.30pm.

Venue

Higham Hall
Bassenthwaite Lake
Cockermouth
Cumbria
CA13 9SH

Fees

£346 residential | £244 non-residential

Level

Beginners to Intermediate

Description

In this accessible introduction we will consider such questions as: Are time and space mental constructs? Are our lives predetermined or are we free to choose? By looking at the metaphysical topics of time and space, free will and determinism, as well as reality, we will explore the ways in which philosophy has attempted to answer these fascinating questions.

Outline

Day One Introduction to Philosophy and Metaphysics

Day Two

Space and Time

Thought Experiment: Quinton's 'Two-Space Myth'
Realists and Idealists: Are time and space mental constructs?
Descartes *et al*: Without objects, is 'space' meaningless?
Film: *The Fountain* (2006)

Day Three

Free Will and Determinism

Thought Experiment: Goldman's 'Book of Life'
Determinism: Are our lives causally determined by an unbroken chain of prior events?
Spinoza *et al*: Can we exercise control over our own actions and decisions?
Film: *Gattaca* (1997)

Day Four

Reality

Thought Experiment: Nozick's 'Experience Machine'
Conclusion

Essential Reading

Metaphysics: The Basics by Michael Rea

Booking

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