



# Department of Philosophy

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## WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

### DEWEY AND THE EMERGENCE OF PHILOSOPHICAL PROBLEMS



#### SPEAKER

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#### BIO

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#### ABSTRACT

In many of his works, John Dewey argued that the classic problems of philosophy did not arise from timeless puzzles about ultimate reality, but from the historical conditions of human life. He traced questions such as the opposition of mind and matter, or the debate between idealism and materialism, to early human efforts to cope with the precariousness of existence and to secure permanence amidst change. These distinctions, some of which are the staples of modern philosophy, such as appearance versus reality, body versus soul, matter versus spirit—were originally pragmatic responses to instability. Dewey contends that such problems are not eternal but historically contingent, rooted in cultural needs and obsolete cosmologies. By recognizing their origins, philosophy can dissolve pseudo-problems, reconstruct its categories on naturalistic grounds, and redirect attention to the dynamic continuity of experience and nature.

**Meeting Room, 1st Floor,  
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