

PHIL\*6930 Selected Topics I

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The problem of free will is ancient and in many minds clearly resolved in favour of a negative answer: we do not have free will. Very recent writings inspired by neuroscience have weighed-in in support of the negative answer. In this course we look at recent writings on free will, with specific reference to philosophers and neuroscientists that advance or respond to the negative answer, as expressed neurophysiologically.

Readings: Drawn from the recent literature on freewill and neuroscience: Dennett, Harris, Libet, Churchland, Ramachandran, Mele, and others.

Evaluation: regular short papers (1 page) 30%; Major paper 70%