



New Course!

Philosophy, Evolution and Human Nature

PHI 447/547
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Ever wondered...

...how much scientists can discover about the evolution of human behavior and psychology?

...how morality and altruism might have evolved?

...how the study of culture fits in with the study of human biology?

...what it takes to make good science, and whether evolutionary psychology and other evolutionary social sciences really are good science?

If so, this is the class for you!

PHI 447/547 covers philosophical issues in the evolutionary study of human cognition: the role of adaptationism; the value of psychological vs. behavioral approaches; the phenotypic gambit; the evolution of morality and altruism; the nature of culture and the possibility of cultural evolution; innateness, genetic determinism and development; and case studies of evolutionary explanation of human behavior or psychology.

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