

## Selected courses in English in the academic year 2010/11

KUL institute/department:	Institute of Philosophy/Faculty of Philosophy
Course title:	<b>Rev. Stanislaw Kaminski Memorial Lectures 2010/2011: Epistemic Authority: An Investigation of Trust, Authority, and Autonomy in Belief</b>
Lecturer (name, surname):	Prof. Linda Zagzebski/Oklahoma University, USA
Title/position:	professor
ECTS credits:	3 (with exam); 1(participation)
Course duration (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> or both semesters):	Summer semester
Number of hours per week:	2
Course type:	lecture
Level:	advanced
Course description:	The purpose of these lectures is to investigate the way the ideas of authority and autonomy apply to beliefs, in particular, to moral and religious beliefs. Since the Enlightenment, it is common to be suspicious of authority and to think that autonomy requires greater trust in one's own epistemic faculties than in the faculties of others. I will argue that starting from some simple observations about the need for epistemic self-trust, it can be shown that we are rationally committed to epistemic trust in others and to trust in epistemic authority. This includes moral authority and authority in religious communities. I will argue that epistemic authority is compatible with intellectual autonomy, but intellectual autonomy should be distinguished from the very different notion of epistemic self-reliance.
Required reading list:	A manuscript prepared for the course
Prerequisites:	Some knowledge of English
Assessment method:	Oral exam
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