



Spinoza's *Ethics*

Philosophy of Religion Seminar

For Autumn 2024 we will be reading through one of the most philosophically and theologically influential books in western history: Spinoza's posthumous work, the *Ethics*. We will be doing so in conversation with an excellent introductory text *Spinoza's Ethics* by Aberdeen's own Beth Lord.

Our pattern will be to use Prof. Lord's book as a guide to the reading (extremely helpful to newcomers to the text) and then spend the bulk of our time together with the primary text of the *Ethics*. Our aim will be to read the 200 or so pages of the *Ethics* by the end of the autumn term.

Any students or staff from Philosophy, and Divinity, and beyond are warmly invited to attend!

Readings

- Any translation of the *Ethics*
- Beth Lord, *Spinoza's Ethics* (Edinburgh University Press, 2010)

Meetings and Access—

The seminar will meet weekly on **Fridays, 15h30-17h00** in **Humanity Manse G01** and will also be accessible **online via MS Teams**.

Afterwards, we will continue our discussion afterwards at the pub. All are invited!

To confirm online access arrangements please contact Dr Daniel Pedersen (daniel.pedersen@abdn.ac.uk).

Weekly Schedule

Week	Date	Text Selections
1	27 Sept	Part I, D1-P8
2	4 Oct	IP9-P17
3	11 Oct	IP18-Appendix
4	18 Oct	Part II, D1-L7
5	25 Oct	<i>No Seminar this week</i>
6	1 Nov	II, Postulates-P49
7	8 Nov	Part III, Intro to P42
8	15 Nov	III, P43-General Definition of the Affects
9	22 Nov	Part IV, Preface-P37
10	29 Nov	IV, P38-Appendix
11	6 Dec	Part V, Preface-P16
12	13 Dec	V, P17-P42