



# Idealism and Its Critics (PHIL 3337)

This course is about the status of the modern world: 19th century philosophy begins with Hegel, the arch-optimist, a defender of the rationality of human beings and their institutions, of the reality and inevitability of human progress. But as the 19th century proceeded, almost no one could accept Hegel's happy picture: Schopenhauer, Marx, Kierkegaard, and Nietzsche — each of them found at least some part of the modern world, the world we have inherited, damnable and sought to tear it down.

(Permission to enrol is available for students who lack prerequisites, but who are confident in their writing skills).