

Philosophy of Science for Lawyers
Schedule
(Jan-March 2025)

Meeting	Date	Room/ teacher	Time	Subject	Literature	Assignment
1	Monday January 27, 2025	KOG C004 Smith		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facts and laws in empirical science; Scientific methodology; 'IS' & 'OUGHT'; Science and law. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C. Hempel, <i>The Function of General Laws in History</i>, The Journal of Philosophy, Vol. 39, No 2, p. 35-48. Hoeflich, <i>Law & Geometry</i>, 30 AM.J. LEGAL Hist. 95 (1986) 	Mandatory
2	Monday February 3, 2025	KOG C004 Smith			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K.R. Popper, K.R. Popper, <i>Conjectures and Refutations</i>, p. 43-86 (recommended) M. Schlick, Meaning and verification, 45/4 <i>The Philosophical Review</i>, 339 (1936) 	
3	Monday February 10, 2025	KOG COO4 Smith		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social facts; Institutional Facts Law as Institution; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> J.R. Searle, <i>The Construction of Social Reality</i>, Ch. 1 & 2 Statement on Human Rights Dore, Human Rights and the Law, 15 Fordham L. Rev., 3 (1946) 	
4	Monday February 17, 2025	KOG C004 Smith			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movie: Rashomon (Kurasawa): 	
5	Monday February 24, 2025	KOG C004 Smith		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hermeneutics Prejudices Truth Historical consciousness Application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> H-G Gadamer, <i>Truth & Method</i> Sherman, <i>Hermeneutics in Law</i>: 51 MOD.L.REV. 386 (1988) 	Mandatory
6	Monday March 3, 2025	KOG C004 Smith		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paradigms as frame Paradigms as exemplar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Th. Kuhn, <i>The Structure of Scientific Revolutions</i>, ch. II, III, V Bird, Naturalizing Kuhn 	
7	Monday March 10, 2025	KOG C004 Smith		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P. Westerman, 'Open or Autonomous?' Harcourt, <i>Neoliberal Penalty</i> 	Mandatory