A study of Descartes's *Meditations* and the *Objections and Replies* (I-VI), and of selected texts, from the writings of Descartes and others, that illuminate issues in the *Meditations*. After a couple of classes on the historical context of the *Meditations* and its relation to other works of Descartes, we go through *Meditations* I-VI, then follow with a study in sequence of the first six sets of Objections and Replies. 3 or 6 points.

**COURSE ASSIGNMENTS (E credit)**: Two 12-page papers (double-spacing), each worth 50%. Your choice of topic, in consultation with the instructor. Submit a one-page outline and see the instructor to discuss your proposed topic. Due dates to be decided in class.

**PRESCRIBED TEXTS** (paperbacks available at Book Culture, W 112 St):  

**READINGS ON RESERVE (Butler)**:  

**NOT ON RESERVE (Butler)**:  
TOPICS AND READINGS
Other than in the first two weeks, readings from the Reserve list will be recommended where appropriate.


Readings, Texts on Reserve: Garber and Ayers, especially chaps. 2, 7, 10-12, 15, 18, 19, 23-25, 28, 32, 33; Popkin, chaps. 1-4, 9-10; Ariew, Cottingham, and Sorell, especially Texts 2-4, 6, 8-10, 13.

Weeks 3-8. Meditations: Synopsis, Meditations I-VI.
Readings, Prescribed Texts: CSM II.
