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# Course in Logic and Theory of Argumentation 2018-2019

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## Syllabus

The following is an essential reading list which covers topics dealt with during this year's course of lessons.

The texts indicated are all available on Susan Petrilli's website:  
[www.susanpetrilli.com](http://www.susanpetrilli.com)

**I. *Thomas Sebeok and the Signs of Life***, by Susan Petrilli and Augusto Ponzio, Postmodern Encounters, Duxford (Cambridge, UK), Icon Books; USA, Totem Books, 2001, 59 pages.

**II. *Reason and Argument***, by Richard Feldman, Pearson New International Edition, Essex, UK, Pearson Education Limited, 2014.

**Chapter 1. Introduction**, pp. 11-35.

**III. *Semiotics Unbounded. Interpretive Routes through the Open Network of Signs***, by Susan Petrilli and Augusto Ponzio, University of Toronto Press, 2005. The chapters indicated below:

### **Introduction: An Excursion into Semiotics**

1.1. Two Meaning of Semiotics; 1.2. Protagonist: The Sign; 1.3. Stooze: The Interpretant; 1.4. Pragmatism as Pragmaticism; 1.5. The Verbal Sign's Influence on Semiotics; 1.6. Signification and Significance; 1.7. Signification and Denotatum; 1.8. Beyond the Verbal Sign

Paradigm; 1.9. Subject and Alterity; 1.10. Word and Dialogue; 1.11. Dialogue and Inference; 1.12. Inferences and Categories: Semiotics, Logic, Ontology

## **Part One: Semiotics and Semioticians**

### **1 An Itinerary: From Peirce to Others**

#### **1.1. Problems on Peirce's Desk**

1.1.1. Semiosis, Interpretation, and the Quasi-Interpreter; 1.1.2. Sign Displacement, Identity, and Otherness; 1.1.3. Knowledge in the Gnoseological Sense, but also as Responsible Awareness; 1.1.4. Interpretation and Representation; 1.1.5. The General Character of Peirce's Sign Model

#### **1.2. More Problems in Focus: Subjects, Bodies, and Signs**

1.2.1. The Dialogic Self; 1.2.2. Personal Identity and the Doctrine of Synechism; 1.2.3. Consciousness, Body, World; 1.2.4. Private Worlds and Public Worlds; 1.2.5. Habit and the Play of Musement

#### **4. About Morris**

##### **4.1. Behaviouristic Semiotics and Pragmaticist Semiotics**

4.1.1. Sidelights; 4.1.2. Morris and Peirce; 4.1.3. Returning to Peirce; 4.1.4. From Scientific Empiricism Onward; 4.1.5. Morris's Behaviouristics

##### **4.3. Sign, Dimensions of Semiosis, Denotatum, and Language**

4.3.1. The Most Recalcitrant Term: Sign; 4.3.2. Misunderstandings over the Dimensions of Semiosis; 4.3.3. Designatum and Denotatum; 4.3.4. Language and General Linguistics; 4.3.5. Human and Non-Human Signs; Biographical Notes

## **IV. Symbols, Alterity, Abduction, by Augusto Ponzio**

1. Symbol and Alterity; 2. Indexicality and Iconicity as Degeneracy of the Symbol; 3. Logic and Dia-Logic; 4. Orience and Alterity; 5. From Equivalence to Displacement: Icons and Alterity

Exams will take place at ex-Facoltà Lingue, Via Garruba 6, Bari 70122

Exam dates: Remember to book online.

1 April 2019, 9.30

16 May 2019, 9.30

Room to be accorded.

Remember to bring your passport or other form of official identification.