

Summer Reading

At the Auckland Domain
by the Band Rotunda off domain drive
6:00 - 7:30 pm



Nietzsche's
moustache

Friederich Nietzsche On the Genealogy of Morality

Week 1 Wednesday 18 December : Preface and First
Essay: Good and Evil, Good and Bad

Week 2 Wednesday 8 January: Second Essay: Guilt,
Bad Conscience and the Like

Week 3 Wednesday 22 January: Third Essay: What do
Ascetic Ideals Mean? parts 1 - 14

Week 4 Wednesday 5 February: Third Essay: What do
Ascetic Ideals Mean? parts 15 - 28

About the book:

Initially conceived of as a 'small polemical pamphlet' that might help him sell more copies of his earlier writings 'On the Genealogy of Morality' (1887) is considered Nietzsche's most important work on ethics and politics. The book offers a critique of moral values and traces the historical evolution of concepts such as guilt, conscience, responsibility, law and justice. Although the Genealogy is one of the darkest books ever written, it is also, paradoxically, a book full of hope and anticipation.*

About the reading group:

The reading group is open to anyone who wishes to participate and we encourage you to forward this invitation to your networks. We will be reading and discussing essays each fortnight moving through the book. The group is facilitated by Melissa Laing [melissa@melissalaing.com] and Robin Paulson [robin@bumblepuppy.org] who are not experts in Nietzsche, rather will be learning alongside and with everyone who participates.

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* The summary is based on Keith Ansell-Pearson introduction to the 2006 Cambridge University Press publication of 'On the Genealogy of Morality' available as a pdf at http://www.inp.uw.edu.pl/mdsie/Political_Thought/GenealogyofMorals.pdf