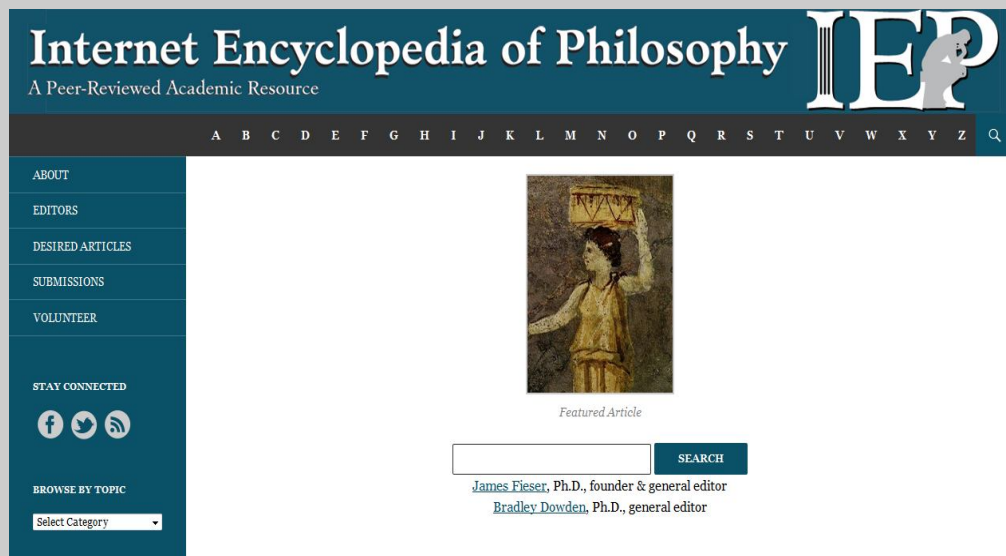


Home Page



Logo



URL

<http://www.iep.utm.edu/>

Subject

Philosophy - Encyclopedias

Accessibility

Free

Language

English

Publisher

James Fieser, University of Tennessee at Martin, U. S. A.

Brief History

The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy (IEP) was founded by James Fieser, the Professor of Philosophy at the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1995 as a non-profit organization to provide open access to detailed, scholarly information on key topics and philosophers in all areas of philosophy. James Fieser is the founder and general editor of the Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy. The copyright is given to Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy and its authors.

Scope and Coverage

The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy covers following areas on philosophy (the following list shows the categories and sub categories on the subject along with some entries):

➤ **History of Philosophy**

- 17th Century European
 - ✓ 17th Century Theories of Substance
 - ✓ Arnauld, Agnes
 - ✓ Arnauld, Antoine, etc.
- 18th Century European
 - ✓ Active Powers
 - ✓ Beattie, James
 - ✓ Beccaria, Cesare, etc.
- 19th Century European
 - ✓ Active Powers
 - ✓ Bentham, Jeremy
 - ✓ Caird, Edward, etc.
- Ancient Philosophy
 - ✓ Aenesidemus
 - ✓ Aesthetics, Ancient
 - ✓ Alexander Polyhistor, etc.
- History Misc.
 - ✓ African Philosophy, History of
 - ✓ Aztec Philosophy
 - ✓ Blaga, Lucian, etc.
- History of Analytic
 - ✓ Analytic Philosophy
 - ✓ Berlin Circle
 - ✓ Frege, Gottlob, etc.
- Medieval Philosophy
 - ✓ Abelard, Peter
 - ✓ Aesthetics, Medieval Theories of
 - ✓ Anselm, etc.
- Philosophers
 - ✓ Abelard, Peter
 - ✓ Abu Ya'qub al-Sijistani
 - ✓ Addams, Jane, etc.

- Renaissance Philosophy
 - ✓ Bacon, Francis
 - ✓ Bodin, Jean
 - ✓ Calvin, John, etc.
- **Metaphysics & Epistemology**
- Epistemology
 - ✓ A Priori and A Posteriori
 - ✓ Ancient Greek Skepticism
 - ✓ Art and Epistemology, etc.
- Metaphysics
 - ✓ Aquinas: Metaphysics
 - ✓ Aristotle: Metaphysics
 - ✓ Cognitive Relativism, etc.
- Mind & Cognitive Science
 - ✓ Artificial Intelligence
 - ✓ Autism
 - ✓ Behaviorism, etc.
- Philosophy of language
 - ✓ Austin, John Langshaw
 - ✓ Bacon, Roger: Language
 - ✓ Classical Theory of Concepts, The, etc.
- Philosophy of Religion
 - ✓ Anselm: Ontological Argument for the God's Existence
 - ✓ Atheism
 - ✓ Bonhoeffer, Dietrich, etc.
- **Philosophical Traditions**
- American Philosophy
 - ✓ Addams, Jane
 - ✓ American Enlightenment Thought
 - ✓ American Philosophy, etc.
- Chinese Philosophy
 - ✓ Cheng Hao (Cheng Mingdao)
 - ✓ Cheng Yi
 - ✓ Chinese Philosophy, Modern, etc.

- Continental Philosophy
 - ✓ Adorno, Theodor
 - ✓ Beauvoir, Simone de
 - ✓ Camus, Albert, etc.
- Feminist Philosophy
 - ✓ Care Ethics
 - ✓ Feminism and Race in the United States
 - ✓ Feminist Epistemolog, etc.
- Indian Philosophy
 - ✓ Bhartrihari
 - ✓ Bhedabheda Vedanta
 - ✓ Buddha, etc.
- Islamic Philosophy
 - ✓ Abu Ya'qub al-Sijistani
 - ✓ al-Kirmani, Hamid al-Din
 - ✓ Al-Shahrastānī, etc.
- Tradition Misc.
 - ✓ African Philosophy, History of
 - ✓ African Sage Philosophy
 - ✓ Aztec Philosophy, etc.

➤ **Science, Logic, & Mathematics**

- Logic
 - ✓ Argument
 - ✓ Aristotle: Logic
 - ✓ Bolzano, Bernard: Mathematical Knowledge, etc.
- Philosophy of Mathematics
 - ✓ Bolzano, Bernard: Mathematical Knowledge
 - ✓ Constructive Mathematics
 - ✓ Fictionalism in the Philosophy of Mathematics, etc.
- Philosophy of Science
 - ✓ Altruism and Group Selection
 - ✓ Anthropology, The Philosophy of
 - ✓ Aristotle: Biology, etc.

➤ **Value Theory**

- Aesthetics

- ✓ Aesthetic Attitude
- ✓ Aesthetic Formalism
- ✓ Aesthetics, etc.

- Bioethics
 - ✓ Abortion
 - ✓ Animals and Ethics
 - ✓ Bioethics, etc.

- Ethics
 - ✓ Ancient Ethics
 - ✓ Apology
 - ✓ Aquinas: Moral Philosophy, etc.

- Philosophy of Law
 - ✓ Feminist Jurisprudence
 - ✓ Hermeneutics, Legal
 - ✓ Human Rights, etc.

- Political Philosophy
 - ✓ Addams, Jane
 - ✓ Agamben, Giorgio
 - ✓ Aquinas: Political Philosophy, etc.

- Value Misc.
 - ✓ American Environmental Justice Movement
 - ✓ American Wilderness Philosophy
 - ✓ Autonomy: Normative, etc.

Kind of Information

The encyclopedia includes articles on various concepts on philosophy and also includes biography of philosophers in ancient and in modern time from different regions of world.

Each entry related to a particular concept on philosophy gives an introduction on that concept. Then gives content where the article includes different topics related to the concept.

As for example an entry on “Sankhya” first gives an introduction on the Sankhya school of philosophy and its origin of development and then includes a content (the following screen shot) where the important topics (hyperlinked) related to Sankhya philosophy is included and the article gives information on that topics.

Table of Contents

1. [History](#)
2. [Sāṅkhya's Existential Quandary and Solution](#)
3. [Epistemology](#)
4. [Metaphysics](#)
 - a. [Causality](#)
 - b. [Prakṛti and the three guṇa-s](#)
 - c. [Puruṣa](#)
 - d. [Evolution, Humanity and the World](#)
5. [Liberation](#)
6. [References and Further Reading](#)

The article after giving descriptions on the above shown topics includes the list of references suggested for further reading. The encyclopedia also includes name, email Id, credential of the author.

The entry when gives biographical information on a philosopher, gives it with an image and includes a content of topics and the article gives information on those topics.

As for example the entry on “Immanuel Kant” includes a long introduction and includes information on his personal life and includes his philosophical theories.

The following screen shots give idea about the kind of information included in the entry on Kant and his theories:

Table of Contents

1. [Life](#)
2. [Metaphysics and Epistemology](#)
 - a. [Pre-Critical Thought](#)
 - b. [Dogmatic Slumber, Synthetic A Priori Knowledge, and the Copernican Shift](#)
 - c. [The Cognitive Faculties and Their Representations](#)
 - d. [Transcendental Idealism](#)
 - i. [The Ideality of Space and Time](#)
 - ii. [Appearances and Things in Themselves](#)
 - e. [The Deduction of the Categories](#)
 - f. [Theory of Experience](#)
 - g. [Critique of Transcendent Metaphysics](#)
 - i. [The Soul \(Paralogisms of Pure Reason\)](#)
 - ii. [The World \(Antinomies of Pure Reason\)](#)
 - iii. [God \(Ideal of Pure Reason\)](#)
3. [Philosophy of Mathematics](#)
4. [Natural Science](#)
 - a. [Physics](#)
 - b. [Other Scientific Contributions](#)
5. [Moral Theory](#)
 - a. [The Good Will and Duty](#)
 - b. [The Categorical Imperative](#)
 - c. [Postulates of Practical Reason](#)
6. [Political Theory and Theory of Human History](#)
 - a. [Human History and the Age of Enlightenment](#)
 - b. [Political Theory](#)
 - c. [Perpetual Peace](#)
7. [Theory of Art and Beauty](#)
 - a. [The Beautiful and the Sublime](#)
 - b. [Theory of Art](#)
 - c. [Relation to Moral Theory](#)
8. [Pragmatic Anthropology](#)
9. [References and Further Reading](#)
 - a. [Primary Literature](#)
 - b. [Secondary Literature](#)

The article also includes bibliographical references and name, address and credential of the author.

Special Features

- ❖ The submission and review process of articles is the same as that with printed philosophy journals, books and reference works. Submissions are peer reviewed by specialists according to strict criteria.
- ❖ The encyclopedia is connected to their Facebook, Twitter pages to share information.

- ❖ The encyclopedia gives a list of desired articles on their home page.
- ❖ It also gives hyperlinked list of recently included articles.
- ❖ It holds ISSN 2161-0002.
- ❖ The encyclopedia includes coloured and black and white JPEG images.

Arrangement Pattern

The articles are searched by A to Z alphabetic hyperlinked list. The articles also can be browsed by categories and sub categories which are arranged in alphabetical sequence. Below is given the alphabetic listing of categories (e.g. History of Philosophy, Metaphysics and Epistemology etc.) and within it the sub categories (like Epistemology, Metaphysics, Mind & Cognitive Science etc.) are also shown.

Select Category
History of Philosophy
17th Century European
18th Century European
19th Century European
Ancient Philosophy
History Misc.
History of Analytic
Medieval Philosophy
Philosophers
Renaissance Philosophy
Metaphysics & Epistemology
Epistemology
Metaphysics
Mind & Cognitive Science
Philosophy of Language
Philosophy of Religion
Philosophical Traditions
American Philosophy
Chinese Philosophy
Indian Philosophy

The following screen shot is about the alphabetic arrangement of articles (under a specific category):



Remarks

The IEP which is free of charge receives no funding from their users and is available to all internet users worldwide. The purpose of the IEP is to provide detailed, scholarly information on key topics and philosophers in all areas of philosophy. The Encyclopedia's articles are written with the intention that most of the articles can be understood by advanced undergraduates majoring in philosophy and by other scholars who are not working in the field covered by that article. The IEP articles are written by experts but not for experts in analogy to the way the *Scientific American* magazine is written by scientific experts but not primarily for scientific experts. The peer review process is rigorous and meets high academic standards. More specifically, an author submits an article to a specific IEP area editor, who reads through the article and makes an initial judgment about its overall quality. Many submissions are rejected at this stage. The encyclopedia does not compromise the quality of the articles.

Comparable Tools

- Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (<http://plato.stanford.edu/>)

- Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy (<https://www.rep.routledge.com/>)

- Meta-Encyclopedia of Philosophy
(<http://www.ditext.com/encyc/frame.html>)

- Infoplease : Encyclopedia
(<http://www.infoplease.com/encyclopedia/philosophy-religion.html>)

- Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)

- Britannica.com (<http://www.britannica.com/>)

Date of Access

June 30, 2016.