

# PHILO 215(W) Foundations of Modern Philosophy:

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The early modern era in philosophy was marked by deep and sometimes vicious disputes over the most basic questions we face: the order of the universe, the prospects for human knowledge, the attributes of God, the promise of life after death. We will see what sides the great thinkers of that era took in these disputes, and consider whether there is some broader idea of the modern that they nonetheless share. Readings will be drawn from Bacon, Montaigne, Descartes, Locke, Hume and others.