Phenomenology research group – notes on Hope

This is a summary for all meetings\(^1\) on “a phenomenology of hope”, between 2002 and 2004. Where noted, other topics were discussed. When dates were not available, they were presumed according to the regular schedule of the PRG. You can access an alphabetic index and a table of contents, the complete notes are available for former and current scholars at the Phenomenology Research Center.

Phenomenology of Hope: 2002-2004

2002 – all titles on “Phenomenology of Hope”

a) Notes from September 4, 2002
b) Notes from September 18, 2002
c) Notes from October 02, 2002
d) Notes from October 23, 2002
e) Notes from October 30, 2002 (presumed date)
f) Notes from November 13, 2002
g) Notes from December 3, 2002

2003 – all titles on “phenomenology of Hope”, some other (noted) emotion tonalities also considered

a) Notes from January 22, 2003
b) Notes from February 5, 2003
c) Notes from March 26, 2003
d) Notes from March 27, 2003 (with remarks on trust)
e) Notes from October 1, 2003 (with remarks on despair and fear)
f) Notes from October 3, 2003 (with remarks on fatalism and despair)
g) Notes from October 8, 2003 (despair and hopelessness revisited)
h) Notes from October 22, 2003 (with remarks on faith)
i) Notes from October 29, 2003

\(^1\) Titles and text of the notes were kept as they were in the original text. Some topic titles were added in the table of contents, for better organization and summary.
j) Notes from November 12, 2003 (with remarks on enduring and optimism)
k) Notes from December 03, 2003 (continuing remarks on optimism)

2004 – all titles on “phenomenology of Hope”, with some (noted) remarks on hopelessness, optimism and despair.

a) Notes from February 2, 2004 (with remarks on hopelessness and despair)
b) Notes from February 16, 2004 (presumed date) (with remarks on optimism)
c) Notes from March 9, 2004 (presumed date) (with remarks on optimism and pessimism)
d) Notes from March 23, 2004 (presumed date) (with remarks on pessimism and despair)
e) Final notes for “a phenomenology of Hope”, from September 15, 2004.
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