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RADICAL PHILOSOPHY GROUP

The Radical Philosophy Group grew out of a convergence of two currents which had been largely formed by the student movement of the 1960s — on the one hand, discontent, especially among students, with the sterile and complacent philosophy taught in British universities and colleges; on the other hand, a revival of interest in the theoretical work of the left and a recognition of the need to confront the ideology enshrined in orthodox academic disciplines. The Radical Philosophy Group has always contended that these two problems can be tackled together — that philosophical inquiry into fundamental issues must lead to the exposure of conservatism masquerading as formal reason.

Academic philosophy in this country has generally accepted and defended the frame of reference of the dominant bourgeois culture. This culture is supported and mirrored by the élitist isolation, the internal hierarchies and demarcations, of academic institutions. The Radical Philosophy Group therefore works for reforms in courses and assessments for the enlargement of students' control over their education, for the breaking down of barriers between philosophy and other disciplines and between academic institutions and the outside world.

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