These authors and texts were chosen by the organizers of this reading group: Vidya Mary George, from the University of Goa, Melissa Gar, from Florida Southern University, and Sophia Stone from Lynn University. The texts were chosen according to their commentary on philosophy, self & society, the problem of interpretation, and the problem of self-worth in a Soviet or capitalist or wartime society.

The texts have various levels of difficulty in readability, comprehension, and philosophical ideas. Don’t be discouraged. Take your time to understand the main terms of the text, extract, if you can, the main arguments or main point of the text, and what you don’t understand, articulate in a question to ask the group.

Dates and times are EDT/IST. Reading group for EDT is Thursday evening, for IST is Friday morning. [Zoom link](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83701836393?pwd=fz189ro8LMJaeUE7OC8noypHlLnP1b.1).

July 7th 8:45-9:45pm/July 8th 6:15am-7:15am: Mikhail Bakhtin, *Toward a philosophy of the act,* pp. 1-56.

July 14th 8:45-9:45pm/July 15th 6:15am-7:15am: Mikhail Bakhtin, *Toward a philosophy of the act,* pp 56-75. Mikhail Bakhtin, “The Problem of the Text in Linguistics, Philology, and the Human Sciences: An Experiment in Philosophical Analysis,” in *Speech Genres and Other Late Essays*, pp. 103-128.

[break – July 18-22]

July 28th 8:45-9:45pm/July 29th 6:15am-7:15am - Simone Weil, “Essay on the Concept in Reading,” pp. 21-27 and “God in Plato,” pp. 45-95 in *Late Philosophical Writings.*

August 4th 8:45-9:45pm/August 5th 6:15am-7:15am – Paul Ricœur, “On Violence and Language,” pp. 32- 41, in *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy* 10 (2) Nov. 1998; “Fragile Identity: Respect for the Other and Cultural Identity,” pp. 81-88 in *Philosophy and the Return of Violence* (2011)*,* “The Erosion of Tolerance and the Resistance of the Intolerable,” pp. 189-201 in *Diogenes* 196 (44/4) Winter 1996*.*

August 11th 8:45-10:00 pm/August 12th 6:15am-7:30am – Leonard Harris, “Dignity and Subjection” – essay first presented (our copy) and re-published in Harris, *A Philosophy of Struggle: The Leonard Harris Reader,* pp. 143-158. Wrap-up and guest speaker (9:30 pm EDT) Leonard Harris.