

Philosophy 3330: Philosophy of Science
Spring 2016
First short essay assignment

Please print your essay and bring it to class on Tuesday, Feb 9th.

You are to write roughly one page (400-600 words) answering the following questions.

Popper says that a theory is scientific if and only if it is falsifiable. What does he mean by this? Do you think that falsifiability is a good way to distinguish scientific claims from religious one? In answering this question, you should say whether or not you think that scientific claims are always (or ever) falsifiable and whether you think that religious claims are always (or ever) falsifiable. Keep in mind that clear examples usually lead to a better paper.