

## Frege in Context

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Schedule, syllabus, and links to readings at: <https://spaceofreasons.netlify.app/courses/frege2025/>  
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### Week 1: Introduction to Frege in Context

#### Part I: Context and Content

1. Frege between Kant and Wittgenstein:
  - a) Context: Danielle Macbeth: *Frege’s Logic* (HUP: 2009), *Realizing Reason* (OUP: 2014).
  - b) Context: Bernard Bolzano: *Wissenschaftslehre* (1781-1848).
2. Some Biographical and Bibliographical Details about Frege  
Frege (1848-1925) wrote three books:
  - *Begriffsschrift* (1879),
  - *Grundlagen der Arithmetik* (1884),
  - *Grundgesetze der Arithmetik* (1891-93).
3. Force/Content:
  - a) The Frege-Geach point, and “Ascriptivism.”
  - b) Kimhi-Rödl objections.
4. Concept/Object
  - a) A critical development of Kant’s concept/intuition distinction
  - b) Model: Functions vs. Arguments/Values.
  - c) The invention of truth-values.

#### Part II: Conceptual Novelty and Abstraction

5. Logical Ampliativity
6. Kite of Logical Conceptual Novelty
7. Abstraction

## Kite of Kinds of Logical Conceptual Novelty

