

Philosopher	Birth Year	Death Year	Nationality	Main Ideas/Contributions
Thales	624 BC	546 BC	Greek	First philosopher; naturalism and cosmology
Anaximander	610 BC	546 BC	Greek	Apeiron; early cosmology
Anaximenes	586 BC	528 BC	Greek	Air as the primary substance
Pythagoras	570 BC	495 BC	Greek	Mathematics, mysticism, and the theory of forms
Hippocrates	460 BC	370 BC	Greek	Medicine as a profession; Hippocratic Oath
Socrates	470 BC	399 BC	Greek	Socratic method; ethics
Plato	427 BC	347 BC	Greek	Theory of Forms; epistemology; the ideal state
Aristotle	384 BC	322 BC	Greek	Empiricism; ethics; politics; logic
Epicurus	341 BC	270 BC	Greek	Pleasure principle; atomism
Zeno of Citium	334 BC	262 BC	Greek	Stoicism; virtue ethics
Diogenes	400 BC	323 BC	Greek	Cynicism; simplicity
Protagoras	490 BC	420 BC	Greek	Relativism; man is the measure
Heraclitus	535 BC	475 BC	Greek	Change as central to the universe
Parmenides	515 BC	450 BC	Greek	Being and the nature of reality
Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz	1646	1716	German	Calculus; Monadology
René Descartes	1596	1650	French	Cogito; Cartesian coordinates; dualism
David Hume	1711	1776	Scottish	Empiricism; skepticism; naturalism
Immanuel Kant	1724	1804	Prussian	Categorical imperative; transcendental idealism
Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel	1770	1831	German	Dialectics; absolute idealism
Friedrich Nietzsche	1844	1900	German	Will to power; eternal recurrence; nihilism
John Stuart Mill	1806	1873	British	Utilitarianism; liberty and individual rights
Thomas Hobbes	1588	1679	English	Social contract; materialism
John Locke	1632	1704	English	Tabula rasa; liberalism
Jean-Jacques Rousseau	1712	1778	Swiss/French	Social contract; general will
Simone de Beauvoir	1908	1986	French	Feminism; existentialism
Martin Heidegger	1889	1976	German	Being-in-the-world; existential phenomenology
Albert Camus	1913	1960	French	Absurdism; the myth of Sisyphus
Søren Kierkegaard	1813	1855	Danish	Existentialism; subjectivity
John Dewey	1859	1952	American	Pragmatism; democracy in education
Bertrand Russell	1872	1970	British	Analytic philosophy; social criticism
Ludwig Wittgenstein	1889	1951	Austrian/British	Language games; meaning as use
Jürgen Habermas	1929	NaN	German	The public sphere; communicative action
Michel Foucault	1926	1984	French	Power/knowledge; discourse analysis
Jacques Derrida	1930	2004	French	Deconstruction; différance
Paul Ricoeur	1913	2005	French	Hermeneutics; narrative identity
Alasdair MacIntyre	1929	NaN	Scottish	Virtue ethics; tradition
Richard Rorty	1931	2007	American	Pragmatic pluralism
Thomas Nagel	1937	NaN	American	Consciousness; subjective/objective distinction
Daniel Dennett	1942	NaN	American	Philosophy of mind; consciousness as evolution
Rudolf Carnap	1891	1970	German/American	Logical positivism; philosophy of science
Willard Van Orman Quine	1908	2000	American	Indeterminacy of translation; holism
Judith Butler	1956	NaN	American	Gender theory; performativity
Slavoj Žižek	1949	NaN	Slovenian	Psychoanalysis; cultural critique
Martha Nussbaum	1947	NaN	American	Capabilities approach; ethics
Hannah Arendt	1906	1975	German-American	Political theory; totalitarianism
Pierre Bourdieu	1930	2002	French	Cultural capital; habitus
Thomas Kuhn	1922	1996	American	Structure of scientific revolutions
Isaiah Berlin	1909	1997	Russian/British	Value pluralism; two concepts of liberty
Michael Sandel	1953	NaN	American	Communitarianism; justice theory
Frantz Fanon	1925	1961	French-Algerian	Post-colonial theory; the wretched of the earth
Simone Weil	1909	1943	French	Affection and attention; philosophy of work
Rainer Maria Rilke	1875	1926	Austrian	Existential themes in poetry
David Lewis	1941	2001	Australian	Modal realism; philosophy of language
John Searle	1932	NaN	American	Language; consciousness; social reality
Julia Kristeva	1941	NaN	Bulgarian-French	Psychoanalysis; semiotics
Niels Bohr	1885	1962	Danish	Quantum theory; complementarity
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Albert Einstein	1879	1955	American	Theory of relativity; philosophy of science
Karl Popper	1902	1994	Austrian-British	Falsifiability; scientific method
Angela Davis	1944	NaN	American	Civil rights; feminism
Richard Dawkins	1941	NaN	British	Evolutionary biology; science and religion
John Rawls	1921	2002	American	Justice as fairness; political liberalism
Robert Nozick	1938	2002	American	Libertarianism; entitlement theory
David Chalmers	1966	NaN	Australian	Consciousness; the hard problem
Peter Singer	1946	NaN	Australian	Animal rights; utilitarianism
Cornel West	1953	NaN	American	Social justice; race; democracy
Zygmunt Bauman	1925	2017	Polish-British	Liquid modernity; postmodernity
Byung-Chul Han	1959	NaN	South Korean	Society of exhaustion; digital culture
Susan Haack	1945	NaN	American	Pragmatism; epistemology
John Paul II	1920	2005	Polish	Philosophy of human dignity; social ethics
Catherine Malabou	1959	NaN	French	Neurophilosophy; plasticity
Iris Murdoch	1919	1999	British	Love and ethics; moral philosophy
Richard Tarnas	1950	NaN	American	Cultural philosophy; archetypal psychology
Clark Glymour	1943	NaN	American	Philosophy of science; causal inference
Linda Mart��n Alcoff	1948	NaN	American	Feminist epistemology; race theory
Robert Brandom	1950	NaN	American	Inferentialism; semantics
Daniel Kahneman	1934	NaN	Israeli-American	Behavioral economics; judgment
Amartya Sen	1933	NaN	Indian	Welfare economics; capabilities approach
Ruth Millikan	1933	NaN	American	Biological classification; language
Elizabeth Anscombe	1910	2001	British	Action theory; intention
Bernard Lonergan	1904	1984	Canadian	Cognitive theory; theological ethics
Nancy Fraser	1947	NaN	American	Feminist theory; social justice
Joanna Bourke	1955	NaN	British	War and gender; history
Simone de Beauvoir	1908	1986	French	Existential feminism; ethics of ambiguity
Karl Marx	1818	1883	German	Historical materialism; capitalism critique
Friedrich Engels	1820	1895	German	Socialism; materialist conception of history
Eduard Bernstein	1850	1932	German	Revisionism in socialism; democratic socialism
Antonio Gramsci	1891	1937	Italian	Cultural hegemony; marxist theory
Herbert Marcuse	1898	1979	German-American	Critical theory; one-dimensional man
Michel de Certeau	1925	1986	French	The practice of everyday life; cultural practices
Max Horkheimer	1895	1973	German-American	Critical theory; social philosophy
Theodore Adorno	1903	1969	German-American	Critical theory; aesthetics; culture industry
Giorgio Agamben	1942	NaN	Italian	State of exception; biopolitics
Rosi Braidotti	1954	NaN	Italian	Posthumanism; feminist philosophy
Judith Butler	1956	NaN	American	Gender performativity; queer theory
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Baruch Spinoza	1632	1677	Dutch	Ethics; rationalism
David Hume	1711	1776	Scottish	Empiricism; skepticism
Bertrand Russell	1872	1970	British	Analytic philosophy; logic
Alfred North Whitehead	1861	1947	British-American	Process philosophy; metaphysics
Søren Kierkegaard	1813	1855	Danish	Existentialism; subjectivity
Paul Feyerabend	1924	1994	Austrian	Epistemological anarchism; philosophy of science
George Herbert Mead	1863	1931	American	Symbolic interactionism; social psychology
Wilfrid Sellars	1912	1989	American	Philosophy of language; scientific realism
Michael Dummett	1925	2011	British	Philosophy of language; anti-realism
Richard Rorty	1931	2007	American	Pragmatism; anti-foundationalism
Timothy Williamson	1955	NaN	British	Epistemology; knowledge
Hilary Putnam	1926	2016	American	Philosophy of mind; realism/anti-realism
Marilyn Frye	1941	NaN	American	Feminist philosophy; oppression
Estelle Disch	1947	NaN	American	Feminist theory; political philosophy
Kristin A. G. Chalmers	1946	NaN	American	Social Philosophy; Gender
M. T. L. Chen	1948	NaN	American	Moral Philosophy; ethics
Luigi Pareyson	1918	1992	Italian	Hermeneutics; aesthetics
Henri Bergson	1859	1941	French	Time and consciousness; creative evolution
Samuel Alexander	1859	1938	Australian	Aesthetic experience; philosophy of space
Alfred Tarski	1901	1983	Polish-American	Semantics; truth
Yascha Mounk	1982	NaN	German-American	Political Philosophy; Democracy
Drucilla Cornell	1946	NaN	American	Critical theory; feminist philosophy
Michael Sandel	1953	NaN	American	Political philosophy; communitarianism
M. M. Nussbaum	1947	NaN	American	Political philosophy; capabilities approach
Walter Benjamin	1892	1940	German	Cultural criticism; aesthetic theory
Giorgio Agamben	1942	NaN	Italian	Biopolitics; state of exception
Alfred North Whitehead	1861	1947	British-American	Process philosophy; metaphysics
Simone Weil	1909	1943	French	Philosophy of work; political philosophy
Arnold Geulincx	1625	1695	Flemish	Occasionalism; philosophy of mind
Max Scheler	1874	1928	German	Phenomenology; value theory
Benedict de Spinoza	1632	1677	Dutch	Ethics; rationalism; pantheism
Herbert Marcuse	1898	1979	German-American	Radical theory; critical theory
Robert Brandom	1950	NaN	American	Semantic inferentialism; language
Leo Strauss	1899	1973	German-American	Political philosophy; moderation
Ludwig Wittgenstein	1889	1951	Austrian-British	Philosophy of language; meaning
Jacques Lacan	1901	1981	French	Psychoanalysis; the Real, the Imaginary, the Symbolic
Richard M. Rorty	1931	2007	American	The linguistic turn; pragmatism
David Papineau	1947	NaN	British	Philosophy of science; philosophy of mind
Noam Chomsky	1928	NaN	American	Linguistics; political philosophy
Timothy Williamson	1955	NaN	British	Knowledge and epistemology
Iris Murdoch	1919	1999	British	Morality; existentialism
Martin Buber	1878	1965	Austrian-Israeli	I-Thou relation; dialogue
Arthur Schopenhauer	1788	1860	German	Pessimism; will to live
Adolf Reinach	1883	1917	German	Phenomenology; social ontology
Émile Durkheim	1858	1917	French	Sociology; structural functionalism
C. D. Broad	1887	1971	British	Philosophy of mind; metaphysics
Alexis de Tocqueville	1805	1859	French	Political philosophy; democracy
Paul Ricoeur	1913	2005	French	Hermeneutics; narrative identity
Jean-François Lyotard	1924	1998	French	Postmodernism; the sublime
Paul Tillich	1886	1965	German-American	Theology; existentialism
Josef Breuer	1842	1925	Austrian	Psychoanalysis; psychological research
Gilbert Ryle	1900	1976	British	Behaviorism; philosophy of mind
George Edward Moore	1873	1958	British	Principia Ethica; common-sense philosophy
Oscar Wilde	1854	1900	Irish	Aestheticism; criticism of morality
Bertrand Russell	1872	1970	British	Logic; analytical philosophy
Henry David Thoreau	1817	1862	American	Transcendentalism; civil disobedience
Susan Sontag	1933	2004	American	Cultural criticism; photography
Jean-Paul Sartre	1905	1980	French	Existentialism; freedom
Rudolf Carnap	1891	1970	German/American	Analytic philosophy; semantics
Hannah Arendt	1906	1975	German-American	Political theory; totalitarianism

Martin Heidegger	1889	1976	German	Phenomenology; existentialism
John Stuart Mill	1806	1873	British	Utilitarianism; social liberty
Thomas Nagel	1937	NaN	American	Mind and body; subjective experience
John Locke	1632	1704	English	Tabula rasa; empiricism
David Hume	1711	1776	Scottish	Empiricism; skepticism
Immanuel Kant	1724	1804	Prussian	Transcendental philosophy; moral law
Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel	1770	1831	German	Dialectical method; absolute idealism
Friedrich Nietzsche	1844	1900	German	Will to power; critique of morality
Simone de Beauvoir	1908	1986	French	Feminism; existentialism
Søren Kierkegaard	1813	1855	Danish	Existential philosophy; individualism
Alfred North Whitehead	1861	1947	British	Process thought; metaphysics
Frantz Fanon	1925	1961	French-Algerian	Post-colonial theory; racism
Richard Dawkins	1941	NaN	British	Biology; memetics; atheism
Edward Said	1935	2003	Palestinian-American	Orientalism; post-colonial criticism
John Griffiths	1952	NaN	American	Biopolitics; political philosophy
Judith Butler	1956	NaN	American	Gender theory; queer theory
Richard Rorty	1931	2007	American	Pragmatism; language games
David Lewis	1941	2001	Australian	Possible worlds; modal realism
Michel Foucault	1926	1984	French	Discourse; power relations; genealogy
Alasdair MacIntyre	1929	NaN	Scottish	Virtue ethics; narrative tradition
Daniel Dennett	1942	NaN	American	Philosophy of mind; consciousness
Stephen Pinker	1954	NaN	Canadian-American	Cognitive science; psychology
Daniel Kahneman	1934	NaN	Israeli-American	Behavioral economics; cognitive biases
Donald Davidson	1917	2003	American	Interpretation; action theory
Peter Singer	1946	NaN	Australian	Animal rights; utilitarian ethics
Ohm J. R. H.	1804	1978	German	Philosophy of perception; sociological dimensions
Robert Nozick	1938	2002	American	Entitlement theory; libertarianism
Richard Wright	1908	1960	American	Literature; civil rights
Clarence Thomas	1948	NaN	American	Legal realism; originalism
Amartya Sen	1933	NaN	Indian	Development economics; social choice theory
Paul Feyerabend	1924	1994	Austrian	Philosophy of science; anarchy
Niels Bohr	1885	1962	Danish	Quantum theory; philosophical implications
Claude Lévi-Strauss	1908	2009	French	Structural anthropology; myth
David Hume	1711	1776	Scottish	Empiricism; naturalism)
Charles Sanders Peirce	1839	1914	American	Pragmatism; semiotics
J.G. Fichte	1762	1814	German	Transcendental idealism; self-consciousness
Gottlob Frege	1848	1925	German	Logic; philosophy of language
Isaiah Berlin	1909	1997	Russian-British	Value pluralism; liberty
Peter F. Strawson	1919	2006	British	Philosophy of language; metaphysics
David Papineau	1947	NaN	British	Philosophy of science; philosophical naturalism
Nancy Cartwright	1944	NaN	British	Philosophy of science; explanation
Andrea Bianchi	1955	NaN	Italian	Overlapping models; structuralism
Thomas Reid	1710	1796	Scottish	Common sense philosophy; epistemology
Richard M. Hare	1919	2002	British	Moral philosophy; prescriptivism
Hilary Putnam	1926	2016	American	Realism; philosophy of mind
Paul Ricœur	1913	2005	French	Narrative theory; hermeneutics
W. V. O. Quine	1908	2000	American	Philosophy of language; ontological relativity
Lucy Irigaray	1930	NaN	Belgian	Feminist philosophy; subjectivity
Simon Critchley	1960	NaN	British	Ethics; political philosophy
Jürgen Habermas	1929	NaN	German	Communicative rationality; discourse ethics
Richard Rorty	1931	2007	American	Pragmatic philosophy; anti-foundationalism
Charles Taylor	1931	NaN	Canadian	Philosophy of social science; modernity
Thomas Nagel	1937	NaN	American	Philosophy of mind; ethical theory
Orson Scott Card	1951	NaN	American	Theology; literature and philosophy
Agnes Heller	1929	NaN	Hungarian	Critical theory; ethics
Christina Hoff Sommers	1950	NaN	American	Feminist philosophy; equity
Luc Nunez	1965	NaN	European	Critical theory; psychoanalysis
Georg Simmel	1858	1918	German	Sociology; social forms
Arthur Schopenhauer	1788	1860	German	Philosophy of pessimism; metaphysics
Leo Strauss	1899	1973	German-American	Political philosophy; natural right

Jacques Derrida	1930	2004	French	Deconstruction; poststructuralism		
Friedrich Engels	1820	1895	German	Socialism; dialectical materialism		
Arthur Danto	1924	2013	American	Philosophy of art; end of art		
Wolfgang Iser	1926	NaN	German	Reader-response theory; literary criticism		
Seyla Benhabib	1951	NaN	Turkish-American	Political philosophy; cosmopolitanism		
Alain de Botton	1969	NaN	Swiss-British	Philosophy and literature; happiness		
Willy E. P. Rechnitz	1930	2021	German	Philosophy of youth; social justice		
Timothy Crusius	1966	NaN	American	Rhetoric; ethics		
Susan Haack	1945	NaN	American	Pragmatism; epistemology		
Richard Feynman	1918	1988	American	Physics; philosophy of science		
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Richard Kearney	1954	NaN	Irish	Phenomenology; narrative theory		
Julia Kristeva	1941	NaN	Bulgarian-French	Psychoanalysis; semiotics		
Mikhail Bakhtin	1895	1975	Russian	Literary theory; dialogism		
Ruth Amossy	1944	NaN	French	Sociology; discourse analysis		
Robert B. Brandom	1950	NaN	American	Inference; meaning; language		
Russell Kirk	1918	1994	American	Conservatism; tradition		
Yascha Mounk	1982	NaN	American	Political theory; democracy		
Mark S. K. Smith	1954	NaN	American	Environmental philosophy; social justice		
Mary Midgley	1919	2018	British	Animal ethics; philosophy of science		
Eric Voegelin	1901	1985	German-American	Political philosopher; Gnosticism		
Richard Kraut	1941	NaN	American	Ancient philosophy; Aristotle		
Doris Lessing	1919	2013	British	Narrative construction; feminism		
Viktor Frankl	1905	1997	Austrian	Logotherapy; existentialism		
Rudiger Safranski	1945	NaN	German	Philosophy of life; romanticism		
Herbert Marcuse	1898	1979	German-American	Revolutionary theory; critical theory		
Daniel C. Dennett	1942	NaN	American	Consciousness; philosophy of mind		
Thomas Nagel	1937	NaN	American	Philosophy of mind; subjective experience		
Ludwig Wittgenstein	1889	1951	Austrian-British	Language; logic; meaning		
George Edward Moore	1873	1958	British	Common sense philosophy; ethics		
Gustav Landauer	1870	1919	German	Anarchism; sociology		
John Sherlock	Year	Year	Year	Year	Country	Philosophy of science; visual principles
Alfred Tarski	1901	1983	Polish-American	Semantic theory; truth theories		
Lucian Goldmann	1913	1970	Romanian	Sociology; literature		
Jean-Paul Sartre	1905	1980	French	Existentialism; humanism		
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Emma Goldman	1869	1940	Lithuanian-American	Anarchism; feminism		
Wilhelm Dilthey	1833	1911	German	Hermeneutics; life philosophy		
Nelson Goodman	1906	1998	American	Philosophy of art; constructionism		
Rudolph Arnheim	1904	2007	German-American	Visual perception; aesthetics		
Richard John Neuhaus	1936	2009	American	Political theology; public philosophy		
Tzvetan Todorov	1939	NaN	Bulgarian-French	Literary theory; cultural criticism		
Reinhold Niebuhr	1892	1971	American	Christian realism; political theology		
Victor Turner	1920	1983	British	Ritual studies; social anthropology		
Judith Harris	1948	NaN	American	Parenting and intelligence; cognitive psychology		
Simon A. M. Peat	1940	NaN	British	Quantum theory; consciousness		
Charles Taylor	1931	NaN	Canadian	Philosophy of language; secularism		
Chantal Mouffe	1943	NaN	Belgian	Political theory; agonistic democracy		
Peter van Inwagen	1942	NaN	American	Metaphysics; philosophy of religion		
Susan Crean	Year	Year	Year	Year	Country	Philosophy of law; sociological aspects
C.S. Peirce	1839	1914	American	Pragmatism; logic		
Alain Badiou	1937	NaN	French	Event; truth; ontology		
David Graeber	1961	2020	American	Anthropology; economics; activism		
Achille Mbembe	1957	NaN	Cameroonian	Postcolonial theory; necropolitics		
Siegfried Kracauer	1889	1966	German	Film theory; sociology		
David Hume	1711	1776	Scottish	Skepticism; empiricism		
Paul Ricoeur	1913	2005	French	Hermeneutics; narrative		
Jacques Ranci�re	1940	NaN	French	Politics; aesthetics		
Martha Nussbaum	1947	NaN	American	Capabilities approach; social justice		
Simone de Beauvoir	1908	1986	French	Feminism; existential ethics		

Ralph Waldo Emerson	1803	1882	American	Transcendentalism; individualism
Johann Gottlieb Fichte	1762	1814	German	Transcendental idealism; self
William James	1842	1910	American	Pragmatism; psychology
Albert Einstein	1879	1955	German-American	Relativity; philosophy of science
Ferdinand de Saussure	1857	1913	Swiss	Linguistics; semiology
Albert Camus	1913	1960	French	Absurdism; existentialism
John Stuart Mill	1806	1873	British	Utilitarianism; liberty
Arthur Schopenhauer	1788	1860	German	Pessimism; will to live
Francis Bacon	1561	1626	English	Empiricism; scientific method
Thomas Hobbes	1588	1679	English	Leviathan; social contract theory
Max Weber	1864	1920	German	Sociology; bureaucracy
Friedrich Nietzsche	1844	1900	German	Will to power; eternal return
Rudolf Carnap	1891	1970	Austrian	Logical positivism; philosophy of language
John Locke	1632	1704	English	Empiricism; political philosophy
Søren Kierkegaard	1813	1855	Danish	Christian existentialism; subjectivity
Virginia Woolf	1882	1941	British	Modernist literature; gender studies
Henri Bergson	1859	1941	French	Time and consciousness; intuition
David Hume	1711	1776	Scottish	Empiricism; skepticism
Jürgen Habermas	1929	NaN	German	Public sphere; critical theory
Giorgio Agamben	1942	NaN	Italian	Biopolitics; state of exception
Simone Weil	1909	1943	French	Political philosophy; attention
C. D. Broad	1887	1971	British	Philosophy of mind; metaphysics
Angela Davis	1944	NaN	American	Civil rights; prison abolitionism
Roger Scruton	1944	2020	British	Conservatism; aesthetics
Richard Rorty	1931	2007	American	Pragmatism; anti-essentialism
Satyajit Ray	1921	1992	Indian	Cinema; art theory
Walter Benjamin	1892	1940	German	Philosophy of art; aura of art