Phil 106: Kant

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Tue. and Thurs., 10–11:45am.

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Course Requirements

Section attendance (this is no longer mandatory, but still strongly recommended). Take-home midterm exam (a choice of essay questions), due Tues., May 15; take-home final exam (ditto), due Tues., June 12. Students who receive an A- or higher on the midterm may choose to write a final paper (approximately 8–10 pages) in place of the final, on a topic to be discussed in advance with the instructor and/or the TA.

Texts

Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, tr. Norman Kemp-Smith (ISBN: 1403911959).

The above text should be available at the Literary Guillotine. Some commentaries and secondary works are available on reserve at McHenry (see below).

For reasons I will discuss, we will be reading almost exclusively the text of the first ("A") edition. Page numbers in both the first and second ("B") editions are marked in the margin of Kemp-Smith's translation. In a few cases you will have to pay careful attention to piece together what belongs to the A text (for example, there are places where the B text adds a few paragraphs to the middle of a section—those additional B-edition paragraphs are not part of the assigned reading).

I have put on reserve the following secondary texts, which you may or may not find useful: Walsh, *Kant's Criticism of Metaphysics*; Gardner, *Routledge Philosophy Guidebook to Kant and the Critique of Pure Reason*; Strawson, *The Bounds of Sense*; Bennett, *Kant's Analytic* and *Kant's Dialectic*; Allison, *Kant's Transcendental Idealism*; Guyer, ed., *Cambridge Companion to Kant*. (The first two on this list have been highly recommended to me as beginning-level texts, but I haven't read them myself as of now; your mileage may vary. The others are somewhat more involved. Strawson and Bennett are basically anti-Kant—they claim to think that he's a great

philosopher, but attack and ridicule most of what he actually says—whereas Allison is basically pro-Kant. The *Cambridge Companion* is a collection of essays by various authors. There is plenty of other literature on Kant, of course.)

Readings

Tues., Apr. 4: (no reading, first class).

Thurs., Apr. 5: Preface and Introduction to the First Edition (Avii–xxii, A1–16).

Tues., Apr. 10: **no class**.

Thurs., Apr. 12: Transcendental Aesthetic (A19–49).

Transcendental Analytic

Tues., Apr. 17: Introduction to the Transcendental Logic, and Metaphysical Deduction (A50–83).

Thurs., Apr. 19: Transcendental Deduction, part one (A84–98) (through the end of the "Preliminary Remark").

Tues., Apr. 24: Transcendental Deduction, part two (A98–130).

Thurs., Apr. 26: Schematism (and various introductory material) (A130–58).

Tues., May 1: Analogies—Introduction and First and Second Analogies (A177–211).

Thurs., May 3: Phenomena and Noumena (A235–59).

Tues., May 8: Amphiboly (A260–89)

Transcendental Dialectic

Thurs., May 10: Introduction to the Dialectic, and beginning of the Concepts of Pure Reason (A293–320).

Tues., May 15: end of the Concepts of Pure Reason, and beginning of the Inferences of Pure Reason (A321–48), and **take-home midterm due**.

Thurs., May 17: First and Fourth Paralogisms (A348–51, 366–80).

Tues., May 22: End of Paralogisms (A381–405).

Thurs., May 24: Introduction to Antinomies, and Third Antinomy (A405–25, 445–51).

Tues., May 29: Solution to the Third Antinomy (A532–58).

Thurs., May 31: Introduction to the Ideal (A567–91).

Tues., June 5: Impossibility of the Cosmological and Ontological Proofs (A592–614).

Transcendental Doctrine of Method (and a bit of the B Preface)

Thurs., June 7: From the Preface to the Second Edition: Bxxiv (beginning "But, it will be asked")–Bxxxi (ending "its errors at their very source."). Canon (A795–831).

Tues., June 12: **take-home final (or final paper) due**.