

PHIL 525R-000 - Topics in Modern Philosophy: Kant's Practical Philosophy

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Content: Kant's practical philosophy consists of a set of principles governing the domain of the practices of freedom; as such, it runs throughout his writings on morality, politics, history, and anthropology. Thus, this graduate seminar will be dedicated to a broad examination of the different forms that practical philosophy takes throughout Kant's oeuvre, such as moral theory, political philosophy, philosophy of history, and pragmatic anthropology. Readings include selections from *Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals*, *Critique of Practical Reason*, *Critique of Judgment*, *Metaphysics of Morals*, *Anthropology from a Pragmatic Point of View*, as well as his essays, "Perpetual Peace," "for a Universal History with a Cosmopolitan Intent," "Conflict of the Faculties," "On the Common Saying: That may be correct in theory, but it is of no use in practice," "What is Enlightenment?," "On the Use of Teleological Principles in Philosophy," and "What is Orientation in Thinking?"

No prior knowledge of Kant is required. This seminar is well suited both for those who are interested in learning more about Kant's philosophical system and practical philosophy, and for those who are interested more broadly in the relationship between moral theory, politics, history, and anthropology.

Text: Immanuel Kant. *Practical Philosophy*. The Cambridge Edition of the Works of Immanuel Kant. Tr. Mary J. Gregor. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000 (**ISBN: 978-0521654081**) Additional readings, including alternate translations of Kant's works and secondary sources on his practical philosophy, will be posted on Blackboard.