Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*

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Grading Policy: Enrolled students will be required to write one seminar paper of roughly 20-25 pages, due **Tuesday, December 10th**. No student presentations will be required. Students must have given a rough draft of their paper to one or the other of us by **November 18th**. (The draft will not be assigned a grade. It is merely an opportunity to receive detailed feedback.) But students wishing to write on the Third Antinomy have one more week to submit a draft, until November 25th.

Text: The following required book is available in the Coop.

*Critique of Pure Reason: The Cambridge Edition of the Works of Immanuel Kant*, Paul Guyer and Allen Wood, eds, 1998 (if you prefer to order online, that’s fine with us, but try to get the most recent impression/printing of this 1998 edition. As earlier printings contain more errors).

Readings: (Schedule of topics and reading assignments are provisional.)

**September 9th**: The “A” and “B” Prefaces

*Critique*, Avii–Axxii, Bvii–Bxliv

*Prolegomena*, “Preface,” “Preamble,” and “General Question”

Zoller, G., “Critique: knowledge, metaphysics”

Orientation to the historical background: Beck, L. W., “Editor’s Introduction”

**September 16th**: The Introduction

*Critique*, Introduction (as in the second edition), B1-B30

Proops, I., “Kant’s Conception of Analytic Judgment”

Smit, H., “Reason, Insight, and Apriority in Kant”

**September 23rd**: Intuition and Concept

*Critique*, Transcendental Aesthetic (as in the second edition), B33-B49

Falkenstein, “Was Kant a Nativist?” (contrast to Smit’s treatment)
Gram, “The Sense of a Kantian Intuition” (background to Parsons article)
Parsons, “The Transcendental Aesthetic”

**September 30th: Kant’s Doctrine of Space and Time**

*Critique*, Transcendental Aesthetic (as in the second edition), B49-B73
Allison, *Kant’s Transcendental Idealism*, 97-118
Falkenstein, “Kant’s Transcendental Aesthetic”
Carson, “Sensibility: Space and Time, Transcendental Idealism”

**October 7th: Introduction to Transcendental Logic**

*Critique*, A50/B74-B116
Longuennesse, “Kant on A Priori Concepts” and “Transcendental Analytic: Leading Thread”

**October 14th: The Analogies of Experience**

*Critique*, A177/B218-A218/B265
Allison, *Kant’s Transcendental Idealism*, 229-274
Watkins, “The System of Principles”
Dicker, *Kant’s Theory of Knowledge*, chapters 5-7

**October 21st: The First Paralogism and the Question of the Soul’s Substantiality. The Idea of Transcendental Illusion.**

Grier, M. “Illusion and Fallacy in Kant’s First Paralogism”, *Kant-Studien*, 84 (3)
Proops, I. “Kant’s First Paralogism,” *The Philosophical Review*, 2010

**October 28th: The Third Paralogism and the Question of the Soul’s Immortality**

*Critique*, A 361–A366; B 408–415, including the long note on p. 450 of Guyer and Wood
Selections from Kant’s *Metaphysics Lectures*
Proops, I. Draft of chapter on the Third Paralogism from my book-in-progress
November 4th: The Second Paralogism and the Question of the Soul's Simplicity

_Critique_, A351–361; B 407–8

Ameriks, K. _Kant’s Theory of Mind_, ch. 2. “Immateriality,” 25–83

November 11th: The Age and Size of the World: The Mathematical Antinomies and their Resolution. The General Significance of the Antinomies

_Critique_, A405/B432–A443/B471 and A 462/B 490–A 532/B 560


November 18th: Freedom: The Third Antinomy and its Resolution

_Critique_, A448/B476–A460/B488 and A 532/B560–A 567/B 595

Wood, A. “Kant’s Compatibilism,” in Wood, ed. _Self and Nature in Kant’s Philosophy_


Proops, I. Draft of chapter on the Third Antinomy from my book-in-progress

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November 25th: Critique of the Ontological Argument

_Critique_, A 567/B595–A602/B631

Van Cleve, J. chapter from _Problems From Kant_, ch. 12, 187–198.


December 2nd: Critique of the Cosmological Argument

_Critique_, A 603/B 631–A620/B 648

Wood, A. _Kant’s Rational Theology_, chs. TBA.

Proops, I. “Kant on the Cosmological Argument,” forthcoming in _Philosophers’ Imprint_.