Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason*

Philosophy 3251
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Required texts:
Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, Werner Pluhar, trans., Hackett Publishing
Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Practical Reason*, Werner Pluhar, trans., Hackett Publishing

**Course requirements:** Four 2-3 page papers, one dealing with some topic in the Introduction or Transcendental Aesthetic, one dealing with a topic in the Transcendental Analytic, one on a topic in the Transcendental Dialectic, (or you can do 2 on the Analytic and one on the Dialectic), one dealing with a topic in the ethics. These papers will be worth 45% of the grade; a final paper, which could extend the discussion of one of the four short papers, will be due finals week and will be worth 55% of the grade.


**Schedule of topics and readings:**
1. January 19, *Introduction: How are Knowledge and Morality Possible?*
no reading.


**Week 3 - Introduction, pp. xxxii-xxxix, and CPR, The Transcendental Aesthetic, 71-104 [A19/B33-A49, B73], Lorne Falkenstein, “Was Kant a Nativist?” in Critical Essays.**


5. February 2, *How to solve the problem of mathematics, How to resolve the Newton-Leibniz debate about space, Transcendental Aesthetic: Conclusions,* focus: pp. 80-104 [A25/B40-A49,B73].

**Week 4 - CPR, The Transcendental Analytic, 105-140 [A50/B74-A83, B116].**


**Week 5 - Introduction, pp. xxxix- xlix, CPR, The Transcendental Analytic, 141-174, 718-719 [A84/B116-B129,A130; A782/B810-A785/A812], Karl Ameriks, “Kant’s Transcendental Deduction as a Regressive Argument” in Critical Essays.**
8. February 14, *What is a Transcendental Deduction?* focus: pp. 141-150 [A84/B116-A95/B129], (see also 718-19 [A782/B810-A785/B812]).


**Week 7-CPR-Continuation of B Deduction, 182-203 [B139-B169]**


**Week 8- Introduction, pp. xlii-liii, CPR, Analytic of Principles, 204-19, 247-276 [A130/B169-A147/B187; A176/B218-A211/B256]).**


23. April 13, The impossibility of proving the existence of God, focus: pp. 560-616. [A567/B595-A642/B670]/


Week 14, CPrR 5.31-106
26. April 26, The Fact of Reason and Good and Evil, focus: CPrR 5.31-71.)
27. April 28, Feelings and Metaphysics, focus: CPrR 5.71-106.

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