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SPRING SEMESTER 2001
KANT & HEGEL
PHIL 465, SECTION 01 (40309)
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TR 12:40-2:00

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

With his "Copernican Revolution," which purported to overcome the skepticism of empiricism and the dogmatism of rationalism by making objective knowledge dependent on the constituting faculties of the thinking subject, Kant launched the tradition that has come to be known as "continental philosophy," in which (in some sense) the self-reflexive first-person standpoint becomes an ineliminable part of every philosophical inquiry. Yet many of Kant's followers did not think that his revolution was radical enough, with its positing of an unknowable noumenal realm, and held that the moral philosophy which subsequently came to be based on this idea was overly rationalistic and individualistic. Even these critics found something to draw on in Kant's oeuvre, however, namely, his aesthetics, which was bound up with his delineation of reflective (as opposed to determinate) judgment. The various -- and often competing -- philosophical movements that Kant spawned culminated in the philosophy of Hegel, who, although drawing on Kant, rejected his (dualistic) metaphysics, the fixedness of the categories on which his epistemology was based, and his abstract morality in favor of a non-metaphysical framework that argues for both the fluid and social nature of the categories through which we come to know the world, and the collective, concrete nature of our ethical commitments. Much of subsequent continental philosophy has evolved within the force field of this dynamic encounter. We shall begin the course with the *Critique of Pure Reason*, focussing on those parts that are especially relevant for subsequent continental thinkers. We shall then examine the *Foundations of the Metaphysics of Morals* and two important political essays, "Idea for a Universal History with a Cosmopolitan Intent" and "On the Proverb: That May be True in Theory, but is of no Practical Use." Turning to Hegel, we shall consider the *Phenomenology of Spirit* and the *Philosophy of Right*.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Kant *Critique of Pure Reason*, tr. Smith, St. Martin's, 1929 ("CPR")
Foundations of the Metaphysics of Morals, tr. Beck, Prentice Hall, 1995 ("FMM")
Perpetual Peace and Other Essays, tr. Humphrey, Hackett, 1983 ("PP")
- Hegel *Phenomenology of Spirit*, tr. Miller, Oxford, 1977 ("Ph")
Philosophy of Right, tr. Knox, Oxford, 1967 ("PR")

GRADING:

Two Exams: 30% each
Paper (10-12 pages): 40%
Class Attendance and Participation: Up to One Mark of a Letter Grade

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

January 30	Background
February 1	CPR 7-37 (Preface)
February 6	CPR 41-62 (Introduction)
February 8	CPR 65-91 (Transcendental Aesthetic)
February 13	CPR 92-128, 151-175 (Transcendental Analytic: The Categories and the Transcendental Unity of Apperception)
February 15	CPR 176-197, 244-247, 257-275 (Transcendental Analytic cont.: Schematism; Refutation of Idealism; Phenomena and Noumena)
February 20	CPR 297-307, 327-328, 368-372, 384-386, 393-396, 409-415 (Transcendental Dialectic: Pure Reason, Paralogisms, Antithetic Reason, Third Antinomy)
February 22	CPR 439-455, 464-479, 630-644 (Transcendental Dialectic cont.: Antithetic Reason and Transcendental Doctrine of Method: Canon of Pure Reason)
February 27	FMM 3-22
March 1	FMM 22-63
March 6	FMM 63-82
March 8	PP 29-40("Idea for a Universal History")
March 13	PP 61-92 ("On the Proverb")
March 15	FIRST EXAM
March 20	SPRINGBREAK
March 22	SPRING BREAK
March 27	Ph 1-45 (Preface)
March 29	Ph 46-57 (Introduction)
April 3	Ph 58-79, 90-103 (Consciousness)
April 5	Ph 104-138 (Self-Consciousness)
April 10	Ph 139-145, 211-262 (Reason)
April 12	Ph 263-294 (Spirit: The Ethical Order)
April 17	Ph 349-383 (Spirit: The Enlightenment & The Terror/Morality)
April 19	Ph 410-416, 453-478, 479-493 (Religion and Absolute Knowing)
April 24	PR 1-13 (Preface)
April 26	PR 14-36 (Introduction)
May 1	PR 37-74 (Abstract Right)
May 3	PR 75-104 (Morality)
May 8	PR 105-155, 160-179
May 10	SECOND EXAM
May 14	PAPER DUE