

Phil 5110 Seminar: Kant's Critique of Pure Reason

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This course will give a comprehensive account of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason (1781, 1787). In this fundamental work Kant proposes the new idea of "transcendental philosophy," offers his critique of traditional metaphysics and a new idea of metaphysics beyond the rationalist and the empiricist tradition, and provides the foundation of his critical epistemology. We will address issues such as Kant's idea of transcendental philosophy, the meaning of the Copernican Revolution in philosophy, the nature of space and time and the status of the a priori, the function of the transcendental unity of apperception. The basis of the course will be a close reading of the text (selection from all parts, the Transcendental Aesthetic, the Analytic, the Dialectic). The format of the course includes lecture, class discussion, and student presentation. Emphasis will be placed on the careful reading of Kant's texts.

Required Texts

- I. Kant, Critique of Pure Reason, tr. N. Kemp Smith, Palgrave McMillan

(<http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/~ppp/cpr/toc.html>) (preferred translation but others are acceptable as well).