

Critique of Judgment

PHI 502: Spring 2017

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Course information:

Seminar time and location:
Friday 10-12:50, Marx 201

Description:

A study of Kant's *Critique of Judgment* (1790). Our topics will include Kant's motivations for a critique of judgment; principles of 'reflective' and 'determining' judgment; theory of aesthetic judgment, including epistemology and metaphysics of the beautiful and sublime; theory of genius; teleology in the critical philosophy—including harmony of the cognitive faculties, organisms, scope and limits of mechanical explanation, physico- and ethico-theology; the relation of ethics, aesthetics and teleology. A basic familiarity with Kant's theoretical philosophy is presupposed.

Required text:

Immanuel Kant, *Critique of the Power of Judgment* (Cited as KU by Akademie pagination, volume and page number, e.g. KU Ak. 5:200)

I recommend the translation by Guyer and Matthews in the Cambridge University Press edition of Kant's works (New York: CUP 2000. Paperback ISBN 0-521-34892-7)

Other primary texts:

Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*
Kant, *Critique of Practical Reason*
Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*
Kant, *Observations on the Feeling of the Beautiful and Sublime*
Kant, *On the Use of Teleological Principles in Philosophy*

Reading Schedule:

Below I append a suggested reading schedule for working through the main text. (The bracketed pagination refers to the Guyer/Matthews translation.) Additional primary and secondary readings will be made available on Blackboard as we proceed. We will be joined later in the semester by Professor Thomas Teufel (Baruch College/CUNY Graduate Center), who will lead a session on Kant and teleology.

Week 1 (Feb 10th):

Read: Kant's letter to Carl Leonhard Reinhold, 28th Dec, 1787, Ak. 10:513–516

Week 2 (Feb 17th):

Read: KU Preface and Introduction. KU 5:167–198 (pp. 53–84)

Recommended: 'First Introduction' to KU, Ak. 20:195–251, reprinted in the CUP edition at pp. 3–51

Week 3 (Feb 24th):

Read: Analytic of the Beautiful. §§ 1-22, KU Ak. 5:201–44 (pp. 87–127)

Week 4 (March 3rd):

Read: Analytic of the Sublime. §§ 23-29, KU Ak. 5:244–278 (pp. 128–159)

Week 5 (March 10th):

Read: Deduction of Judgments of Taste. §§ 30–54, KU Ak. 5:279–335 (pp. 160–212)

Week 6 (March 17th):

Read: Dialectic of Aesth. Power of Judg. §§55–61, KU Ak. 5:337–362 (pp. 213–234)

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Week 7 (March 31st):

Read: Analytic and Dialectic of the Teleological Power of Judgment §§ 62-78, KU Ak. 5:352–415 (pp. 235–284)

Week 8 (April 7th):

Read: Methodology of the Teleological Power of Judgment. §§ 79-86 KU, Ak. 5:416–447 (pp. 285–313)

Week 9 (April 14th):

Read: Moral Proof of the Existence of God §§ 87-91, KU Ak. 5:447-484 (pp. 313–346)

Week 10–12 (April 21st, April 28th, May 5th): Catchup