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THE PHILOSOPHY OF KANT

Set Texts

Critique of Pure Reason, ed. and trans. by P. Guyer and A. Wood (Cambridge University Press, 1998)

Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals, ed. and trans. by M. Gregor (Cambridge University Press, 1997)

The main text to be studied is the *Critique of Pure Reason*. The translation by Norman Kemp Smith, 2nd ed. (Macmillan, 1933) was the standard English edition for many decades, but the Cambridge Editions translation by Paul Guyer and Allen Wood (Cambridge, 1998) has become the dominant translation, and it is the one that we will use. There is another recent translation by Werner Pluhar (Hackett, 1996) which you can also consult.

Note that the *Critique* was published in two editions: the first ('A') edition in 1781 and the second ('B') edition in 1787. Citations are given with the pagination of the A and/or B edition which can be found in the margins of the various editions.

The second text to be studied is the *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals* which presents Kant's influential work in moral philosophy. The Cambridge Editions translation by Mary Gregor is available either on its own with an introduction by Christine Korsgaard (Cambridge, 1997), or as part of the Cambridge Editions collection *Practical Philosophy* (Cambridge, 1996).

Supplementary Texts

Prolegomena to any Future Metaphysics, tr. by G. Hatfield, in *Theoretical Philosophy after 1781* (Cambridge, 2002)

Critique of Practical Reason, and *Metaphysics of Morals*, both in *Practical Philosophy*, ed. and trans. by M. Gregor (Cambridge, 1996)

A second text relevant to Kant's epistemology and metaphysics is his *Prolegomena to any Future Metaphysics*, a much shorter work which may be read alongside, and which throws light on, the *Critique of Pure Reason*. It is collected in the Cambridge Editions *Theoretical Philosophy after 1781*.

Kant's views on ethics are developed further in his *Critique of Practical Reason* and the *Metaphysics of Morals*, both of which are collected in the Cambridge Editions *Practical Philosophy*.

Introductions and Collections

Jill Vance Buroker	<i>Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction</i> (CUP, 2006)
Georges Dicker	<i>Kant's Theory of Knowledge</i> (SUNY, 2004)
Sebastian Gardner	<i>Kant And The Critique of Pure Reason</i> (Routledge, 1999)
Paul Guyer	<i>Kant</i> (Routledge, 2006)
Allen Wood	<i>Kant</i> (Blackwell, 2005)
Graham Bird (ed.)	<i>A Companion to Kant</i> (Blackwell, 2006)
Howard Caygill	<i>A Kant Dictionary</i> (Blackwell, 1995)
Paul Guyer (ed.)	<i>The Cambridge Companion to Kant</i> (CUP, 1992)
Paul Guyer (ed.)	<i>The Cambridge Companion to Kant and Modern Philosophy</i> (CUP, 2006)
Paul Guyer (ed.)	<i>The Cambridge Companion to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason</i> (CUP, 2010)
James O'Shea (ed.)	<i>Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: A Critical Guide</i> (CUP, 2017)

Some Commentaries

Henry Allison	<i>Kant's Transcendental Idealism</i> (Yale, 1983) Revised edition: (Yale, 2004)
Karl Ameriks	<i>Interpreting Kant's Critiques</i> (OUP, 2003)
Jonathan Bennett	<i>Kant's Analytic</i> (CUP, 1966)
Jonathan Bennett	<i>Kant's Dialectic</i> (CUP, 1974)
A.W. Collins	<i>Possible Experience</i> (University of California Press, 1999)
Paul Guyer	<i>Kant and The Claims of Knowledge</i> (CUP, 1987)
Patricia Kitcher (ed.)	<i>Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: Critical Essays</i> (Rowman And Littlefield, 1998)
Patricia Kitcher	<i>Kant's Transcendental Psychology</i> (OUP, 1990)
Rae Langton	<i>Kantian Humility</i> (OUP, 1998)
P.F. Strawson	<i>The Bounds of Sense</i> (Methuen, 1966 or later editions)
James Van Cleve	<i>Problems from Kant</i> (OUP, 1999)
R.C.S. Walker	<i>Kant</i> (Routledge, 1978)
R.C.S Walker (ed.)	<i>Kant on Pure Reason</i> (OUP, 1982)

Notes for Tutors

It is important for students to cover material from the whole of the first *Critique*. The tutorial topics can be roughly divided as follows:

General Issues:	1, 3, 4, 15
Transcendental Aesthetic:	2
Transcendental Analytic:	5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
Transcendental Dialectic:	11, 12, 13, 14

A useful way to organise the teaching would be to ensure that material from each of these four sections is covered. Tutors should feel free to email me for any further advice.

TUTORIAL READINGS

1. Kant's Project

Essay Questions

'Hence let us once try whether we do not get farther with the problems of metaphysics by assuming that the objects must conform to our cognition' (Kant). Explain and discuss.

Describe and critically evaluate Kant's explanation of the possibility of synthetic *a priori* knowledge.

Reading

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| Kant | CPR: both Prefaces, Introduction, The Highest Principle of all Analytic Judgements (A150/ B189 ff), The Highest Principle of all Synthetic Judgements (A154/ B193 ff) |
| Gardner | <i>Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason</i> , chs.1-3 |
| Buroker | <i>Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction</i> , chs.1-2 |
| Dicker | <i>Kant's Theory of Knowledge</i> , ch.1 |
| Martin Schönfeld | 'Kant's Philosophical Development', <i>Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy</i> |
| * Lucy Allais | 'Kant: the Possibility of Metaphysics', in Le Poidevin, Simons, McGonigal and Cameron (eds.) <i>The Routledge Companion to Metaphysics</i> (Routledge, 2009) |
| * R.L. Anderson | 'The Introduction to the <i>Critique</i> ', in Guyer (ed.) <i>Cambridge Companion to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason</i> |
| * James Van Cleve | <i>Problems from Kant</i> , chs.1,2 |
| * Karl Schafer | 'Kant's Conception of Cognition and our Knowledge of Things-in-Themselves'. Forthcoming. Available online at: https://www.academia.edu/28374256/Kants_Conception_of_Cognition_and_our_Knowledge_of_Things-in-Themselves . |
| Henry Allison | <i>Kant's Transcendental Idealism</i> , chs.1,2 |
| R.C.S. Walker | <i>Kant</i> , chs.1,2,9 |
| P.F. Strawson | 'Kant's New Foundations of Metaphysics', and 'The Problem of Realism and the A Priori', both in <i>Entity and Identity</i> (OUP, 1997) |
| Paul Guyer | 'Introduction', <i>Cambridge Companion to Kant</i> |
| Andrew Chignell | 'Modal Motivations for Noumenal Ignorance: Knowledge, Cognition, and Coherence'. <i>Kant Studien</i> (2014), §§A-E. |

2. Transcendental Aesthetic

Essay Questions

Is it solely from the human standpoint that we can speak of space?

Explicate and assess Kant's arguments for the claim that space and time are pure forms of intuition.

Reading

Kant	<i>CPR: Transcendental Aesthetic, Amphiboly of Concepts of Reflection</i>
Gardner	<i>Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason</i> , ch.4
Buroker	<i>Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction</i> , ch.2
Dicker	<i>Kant's Theory of Knowledge</i> , ch.2
Lorne Falkenstein	'Kant's Transcendental Aesthetic', in Bird (ed.) <i>A Companion to Kant</i>
* Daniel Warren	'Kant and the Apriority of Space', <i>Philosophical Review</i> 1998
* Lisa Shabel	'The Transcendental Aesthetic', in Guyer (ed.) <i>The Cambridge Companion to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason</i>
Henry Allison	<i>Kant's Transcendental Idealism</i> , ch.5
P.F. Strawson	<i>The Bounds of Sense</i> , part II, section I
James Van Cleve	<i>Problems from Kant</i> , ch.3
Paul Guyer	<i>Kant and the Claims of Knowledge</i> , chs.15,16
Charles Parsons	'The Transcendental Aesthetic', in Guyer (ed.) <i>The Cambridge Companion to Kant</i>
Lorne Falkenstein	'Was Kant a Nativist?', in Kitcher (ed.) <i>Kant's Critique of Pure Reason</i>
Lorne Falkenstein	<i>Kant's Intuitionism</i> (Toronto, University of Toronto Press, 1995)
Gary Hartfield	'Kant on the Perception of Space (and Time)', in Guyer (ed.) <i>The Cambridge Companion to Kant and Modern Philosophy</i>
Lisa Shabel	'Reflections on Kant's Concept (and Intuition) of Space', <i>Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science</i> 2003
James Messina	'Conceptual Analysis and the Essence of Space: Kant's Metaphysical Exposition Revisited.' <i>Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie</i> 2015

3. Transcendental Idealism

Essay Questions

What is transcendental idealism? Can it be sustained?

Does Kant's doctrine of the thing in itself imply the existence of two different worlds?

Reading

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| Kant | <i>CPR: Transcendental Aesthetic, Postulates of Empirical Thought, Phenomena and Noumena, Fourth Paralogism in A, Antinomy of Pure Reason, sect.6</i>

<i>Pröl.</i> , sect 13, remarks II and III; 32-38 |
| Gardner | <i>Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason</i> , chs.4,8 |
| Buroker | <i>Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction</i> , pp.305-310 |
| Henry Allison | 'Kant's Transcendental Idealism', in Bird (ed.) <i>A Companion to Kant</i> |
| * P.F. Strawson | <i>The Bounds of Sense</i> , part IV |
| * Henry Allison. | <i>Kant's Transcendental Idealism</i> , chs.1,2 |
| * James Van Cleve | <i>Problems from Kant</i> , ch.10 |
| * Lucy Allais | 'Kant's Idealism and the Secondary Quality Analogy' <i>Journal of the History of Philosophy</i> 2007 |
| * Rae Langton | <i>Kantian Humility</i> (OUP, 1998), chs.1,2,10 |
| H.E. Matthews | 'Strawson on Transcendental Idealism' in Walker (ed.) <i>Kant on Pure Reason</i> |
| Lucy Allais | 'Kant's One World', <i>The British Journal for the History of Philosophy</i> 2004 |
| A.W. Collins | <i>Possible Experience</i> , chs.1,2,3 |
| Paul Abela | <i>Kant's Empirical Realism</i> (OUP, 2002), ch.1 |
| Quassim Cassam | 'Transcendental Arguments, Transcendental Synthesis and Transcendental Idealism', <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> 1987 |
| Karl Ameriks | 'Kantian Idealism Today' <i>History of Philosophy Quarterly</i> 1992 |
| Desmond Hogan | 'How to Know Unknowable Things in Themselves', <i>Noûs</i> 2009 |

4. Sensibility and the Understanding

Essay Questions

'[T]hese two faculties cannot exchange their functions... Only from their unification can cognition arise.' (A51/ B75). What is the relation between sensibility and the understanding?

Does intuition depend on the understanding? If so, in what form? If not, why not?

Reading

Kant CPR: Transcendental Aesthetic §1, The Idea of a Transcendental Logic, B Deduction esp §26

Jäsche Logic: Universal Doctrine of Elements, §§1-16 (9: 90-101), in *Immanuel Kant: Lectures on Logic*, trans. J. M. Young. (Cambridge University Press, 1992)

* Lucy Allais 'Kant, Non-conceptual Content and the Representation of Space', *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 2009

* Hannah Ginsborg 'Kant and the Problem of Experience', *Philosophical Topics* 2006

* James Conant 'Kant's Critique of the Layer-Cake Conception of Human Mindedness in the B Deduction', in O'Shea (ed.) *Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: A Critical Guide*.

* Lucy Allais 'Transcendental Idealism and the 'Transcendental Aesthetic: Reading the *Critique of Pure Reason* Forward', in O'Shea (ed.) *Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: A Critical Guide*.

Wilfrid Sellars 'Sensibility and Understanding', in his *Science and Metaphysics* (Routledge, 1968)

John McDowell *Mind and World*, ch.3 plus postscript

John McDowell 'Avoiding the Myth of the Given', in *Having the World in View*

Stephen Engstrom 'Understanding and Sensibility', *Inquiry* 2006

Eric Watkins 'Kant and the Myth of the Given', *Inquiry* 2008

Thomas Land 'Kant's Spontaneity Thesis', *Philosophical Topics* 2006

James Conant 'Why Kant is not a Kantian', *Philosophical Topics* 2016

Robert Hanna 'Kant and Nonconceptual Content', *European Journal of Philosophy*, 2005

Hannah Ginsborg 'Was Kant a Nonconceptualist?', *Philosophical Studies* 2008

Aaron Griffith 'Perception and the Categories: A Conceptualist Reading of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason', *European Journal of Philosophy* 2010

Anil Gomes 'Kant on Perception: Naïve Realism, Non-conceptualism, and the B-Deduction', *Philosophical Quarterly* 2014

Colin McLear 'Two Kinds of Unity in the Critique of Pure Reason', *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 2015

5. Metaphysical Deduction

Essay Questions

What is a 'category'? How does Kant derive the table of categories from the table of judgements?

In what sense, if any, does the Table of Judgements provide a 'clue' to the discovery of all pure concepts of the understanding?

Reading

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| Kant | <i>CPR: A50-A83/B74-B116</i> |
| Gardner | <i>Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason</i> , pp.115-135 |
| Buroker | <i>Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction</i> , ch.4 |
| Dicker | <i>Kant's Theory of Knowledge</i> , ch.3 |
| Derk Pereboom | 'Kant's Metaphysical and Transcendental Deductions' in Bird (ed.) <i>A Companion to Kant</i> |
| * Béatrice Longuenesse | <i>Kant and the Capacity to Judge</i> (Princeton University Press, 1998), intro, ch.1 |
| * Béatrice Longuenesse | 'Kant on a priori concepts', in Guyer (ed.) <i>The Cambridge Companion to Kant and Modern Philosophy</i> |
| * J.M. Young | 'Functions of Thought and the Synthesis of Intuitions' in Guyer (ed.) <i>The Cambridge Companion to Kant</i> |
| Henry Allison | <i>Kant's Transcendental Idealism</i> , ch.6 |
| P.F. Strawson | <i>The Bounds of Sense</i> , pp.72-85 |
| Quassim Cassam | 'A Priori Concepts', in Glock (ed.) <i>Strawson and Kant</i> (OUP, 2003) |
| Michael Wolff | 'How Precise is Kant's Table of Judgments?', in O'Shea (ed.) <i>Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: A Critical Guide</i> . |

6. Transcendental Deduction

Essay Questions

What, if anything, does Kant achieve in the transcendental deduction of the categories?

What is the transcendental unity of apperception? What role does it play in the transcendental deduction of the categories?

Reading

Kant	CPR: 'The Deduction of the Pure Concepts of Understanding' (both versions)
Gardner	<i>Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason</i> , ch.6
Buroker	<i>Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction</i> , ch.5
Dicker	<i>Kant's Theory of Knowledge</i> , ch.4
Paul Guyer	'The Transcendental Deduction of the Categories', in Guyer (ed.) <i>The Cambridge Companion to Kant</i>
Paul Guyer	'The Deduction of the Categories: The Metaphysical and Transcendental Deductions' in Guyer (ed.) <i>The Cambridge Companion to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason</i>
Derk Pereboom	'Kant's Metaphysical and Transcendental Deductions' in Bird (ed.) <i>A Companion to Kant</i>
* Dieter Henrich	'Kant's Notion of a Deduction and the Methodological Background of the first Critique' in Förster (ed.) <i>Kant's Transcendental Deductions</i> (Stanford University Press, 1989)
* Dieter Henrich	'The Proof-Structure of Kant's Transcendental Deduction' in R. Walker (ed.) <i>Kant on Pure Reason</i>
* Karl Ameriks	'Kant's Transcendental Deduction as a Regressive Argument', in Kitcher (ed.) <i>Kant's Critique of Pure Reason</i> , and in his <i>Interpreting Kant's Critiques</i>
* P.F. Strawson	<i>The Bounds of Sense</i> , pp.85-117
* James Van Cleve	<i>Problems from Kant</i> , ch.7
Stephen Engstrom	'The Transcendental Deduction and Skepticism' <i>Journal of the History of Philosophy</i> 1994
Henry Allison	<i>Kant's Transcendental Idealism</i> , ch.7
Henry Allison	'Reflections on the B-Deduction', in his <i>Idealism and Freedom</i> (CUP, 1996)
Quassim Cassam	'Transcendental Arguments, Transcendental Synthesis and Transcendental Idealism', <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> 1987
Anil Gomes	'Is Kant's Transcendental Deduction of the Categories Fit for Purpose?', <i>Kantian Review</i> 2011

7. The Schematism

Essay Questions

Is the schematism the answer to a legitimate philosophical question?

Reading

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| Kant | CPR: Transcendental Deduction, Schematism |
| Gardner | <i>Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason</i> , pp.165-171 |
| Buroker | <i>Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction</i> , ch.6 |
| Dicker | <i>Kant's Theory of Knowledge</i> , pp.213-244 |
| * Jonathan Bennett | <i>Kant's Analytic</i> , ch.10 |
| * Lauchlan Chipman | 'Kant's Categories and their Schematism' in Walker (ed.) <i>Kant on Pure Reason</i> |
| * Patricia Kitcher | <i>Kant's Transcendental Psychology</i> , chs.3,4 |
| * Michael Pendlebury | 'Making Sense of Kant's Schematism', <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> 1995 |
| David Bell | 'The Art of Judgement', <i>Mind</i> 1987 |
| P.F. Strawson | 'Imagination and Perception' in Walker (ed.) <i>Kant on Pure Reason</i> |
| Paul Guyer | 'Psychology and the Transcendental Deduction' in Förster (ed.) <i>Kant's Transcendental Deductions</i> (Stanford University Press, 1989) |
| P.F. Strawson | 'Sensibility, Understanding and the Doctrine of Synthesis' in Förster (ed.) <i>Kant's Transcendental Deductions</i> . Reprinted in his <i>Philosophical Writings</i> (OUP, 2011) |
| Samantha Matherne | 'Kant and the Art of Schematism', <i>Kantian Review</i> 2014 |

8. The First Analogy

Essay Questions

‘All determination of time presupposes something *permanent* in perception. This permanent cannot, however, be something in me, since it is only through this permanent that my existence in time can itself be determined.’ (Kant.) Explain and discuss.

‘Although Kant has good arguments in the First Analogy for the need for some permanent element in perception, they are not sufficient to establish the claim that substance must be conserved.’ Do you agree?

Reading

Kant *CPR: First Analogy, Refutation of Idealism, General Note on the System of Principles (A235/B288 ff)*

Gardner *Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason*, pp.171-174

Buroker *Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction*, ch.7

Dicker *Kant's Theory of Knowledge*, ch.6

Eric Watkins ‘The System of Principles’ in Guyer (ed.) *Cambridge Companion to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*

* James Van Cleve *Problems from Kant*, ch.8

* P.F. Strawson ‘Kant on Substance’ in *Entity and Identity and Other Essays*

* Henry Allison *Kant's Transcendental Idealism*, ch.9 (Revised ed: ch.9, §§I-II)

* Rae Langton *Kantian Humility*, ch.3

P.F. Strawson *The Bounds of Sense*, pp.118-132

Paul Guyer *Kant and the Claims of Knowledge*, chs.8,9

Jonathan Bennett *Kant's Analytic*, ch.13

Arthur Melnick *Kant's Analogies of Experience* (University of Chicago Press, 1973), ch.2

Arthur Melnick ‘Kant's Proofs of Substance and Causation’, in Guyer (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Kant and Modern Philosophy*

9. The Second Analogy

Essay Questions

Does the argument of the Second Analogy turn on a non-sequitur of numbing grossness?

If we cannot perceive causal relations, how can we come to have knowledge of them?

Reading

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| Kant | <i>CPR: Second Analogy, A764/B792-A769/B797
Pröl. §§26-31, 36</i> |
| Gardner | <i>Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason</i> , pp.174-176 |
| Buroker | <i>Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction</i> , ch.7 |
| * Dicker | <i>Kant's Theory of Knowledge</i> , ch.7 |
| Arthur Melnick | 'The Second Analogy' in Bird (ed.) <i>A Companion to Kant</i> |
| Eric Watkins | 'The System of Principles' in Guyer (ed.) <i>Cambridge Companion to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason</i> |
| * P.F. Strawson | <i>The Bounds of Sense</i> , pp.133-146 |
| * Lewis White Beck | 'Once More unto the Breach' and 'A Non-Sequitur of Numbing Grossness?' in his <i>Essays on Kant and Hume</i> (Yale University Press, 1978) |
| * Béatrice Longuenesse | 'Kant on Causality: What Was He Trying to Prove?', in C. Mercer and E. O'Neill (eds.) <i>Early Modern Philosophy</i> (OUP, 2005) |
| * James Van Cleve | <i>Problems from Kant</i> , ch.9 |
| Henry Allison | <i>Kant's Transcendental Idealism</i> , ch.10 (Revised ed: ch.9 §III) |
| Paul Guyer | <i>Kant and the Claims of Knowledge</i> , ch.10 |
| Jonathan Bennett | <i>Kant's Analytic</i> , ch.15 |
| Michael Friedman | 'Causal Laws and the Foundations of Natural Science', in Guyer (ed.) <i>Cambridge Companion to Kant</i> |
| P.F. Strawson | Review of Guyer (ed.) <i>Cambridge Companion to Kant</i> in <i>European Journal of Philosophy</i> , August 1993 |
| Arthur Melnick | 'Kant's Proofs of Substance and Causation', in Guyer (ed.) <i>The Cambridge Companion to Kant and Modern Philosophy</i> |
| Eric Watkins | <i>Kant and the Metaphysics of Causality</i> (CUP, 2005), ch.3 |

10. The Refutation of Idealism

Essay Questions

'[T]he consciousness of my existence is at the same time an immediate consciousness of the existence of other things outside me.' (KANT). Why?

'Inner experience in general is only possible through outer experience in general' (KANT). Discuss.

Reading

- Kant CPR: Refutation of Idealism, B-Preface, Bxxxix-Bxli – note. The Fourth Paralogism (A-edition), A366-380.
- Gardner *Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason*, pp.179-188
Buroker *Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction*, ch.7
Dicker *Kant's Theory of Knowledge*, ch.9
Wolfgang Carl 'Kant's Refutation of Problematic Idealism: Kantian Arguments and Kant's Arguments against Skepticism' in Bird (ed.) *A Companion to Kant*
- * Henry Allison *Kant's Transcendental Idealism*, ch.14. (Revised ed: ch.10)
* P.F. Strawson *The Bounds of Sense*, pp.125-128.
* Dina Emundts 'The Refutation of Idealism and the Distinction between Phenomena and Noumena' in Guyer (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*
- Jonathan Bennett *Kant's Analytic*, ch.14.
Richard Aquila 'Personal Identity and Kant's "Refutation of Idealism"'. *Kant-Studien* 1979
- Quassim Cassam 'Inner Sense, Body Sense, and Kant's "Refutation of Idealism"', *European Journal of Philosophy*, 1993
- Mark Sacks 'Kant's First Analogy and the Refutation of Idealism', *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 2007
- Jonathan Vogel 'The Problem of Self-Knowledge in Kant's "Refutation of Idealism": Two Recent Views', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (1993)
- Georges Dicker 'Kant's Refutation of Idealism', *Noûs* 2008
Andrew Chignell 'Causal Refutations of Idealism', *The Philosophical Quarterly* 2010
Ralf Bader 'The Refutation of Idealism', in O'Shea (ed.) *Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: A Critical Guide*
- Andrew Chignell 'Can't Kant Cognize Himself? Or, A Problem For (Almost) Every Interpretation Of The Refutation Of Idealism', in Gomes and Stephenson (eds.) *Kant and the Philosophy of Mind* (OUP, 2017)

11. Rational Psychology

Essay Questions

How successful is Kant's attack on rational psychology?

What is Kant's theory of the self? How does it differ from a rationalist or empiricist account?

Reading

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| Kant | <i>CPR: Paralogisms of Pure Reason</i> |
| Gardner | <i>Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason</i> , ch.7 |
| Buroker | <i>Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction</i> , ch.8 |
| Udo Thiel | 'The Critique of Rational Psychology' in Bird (ed.) <i>A Companion to Kant</i> |
| * P.F. Strawson | <i>The Bounds of Sense</i> , pp.162-174 |
| * P.F. Strawson | 'Kant's Paralogisms: Self-Consciousness and the Outside Observer' in <i>Entity and Identity and Other Essays</i> |
| * Patricia Kitcher | 'Kant's Paralogisms', <i>The Philosophical Review</i> 1982. |
| * Béatrice Longuenesse | 'Kant's "I Think" versus Descartes' "I Am a Thing That Thinks"' in Garber and Longuenesse (eds.) <i>Kant and the Early Moderns</i> (Princeton University Press, 2008) |
| * Ian Proops | 'Kant's First Paralogism', <i>The Philosophical Review</i> 2010 |
| Henry Allison | <i>Kant's Transcendental Idealism</i> , ch.13 (Revised ed: ch.12) |
| James Van Cleve | <i>Problems from Kant</i> , ch.11 |
| Jay Rosenberg | '"I think": Some Reflections on Kant's Paralogisms' in <i>Midwest Studies in Philosophy</i> 1987 (vol.X) |
| Karl Ameriks | <i>Kant's Theory on Mind</i> (OUP, 1982), chs.1-4 |
| Gary Hatfield | 'Empirical, Rational and Transcendental Psychology' in Guyer (ed.) <i>The Cambridge Companion to Kant</i> |
| Julian Wuerth | 'The Paralogisms of Pure Reason,' in Guyer (ed.) <i>The Cambridge Companion to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason</i> |
| Béatrice Longuenesse | 'Kant on the Identity of Persons', <i>Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society</i> 2007 |
| Tobias Rosefeldt | 'Subjects of Kant's First Paralogism', in Gomes and Stephenson (eds.) <i>Kant and the Philosophy of Mind</i> (OUP, 2017) |

13. Freedom

Essay Questions

Explain and assess Kant's account of freedom.

Does Kant reconcile the claim that all our actions are causally determined with the possibility that we may act freely?

Reading

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| Kant | <i>CPR: Third Antinomy</i> |
| Kant | <i>Groundwork</i> , §3 |
| Gardner | <i>Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason</i> , ch.7 |
| Buroker | <i>Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction</i> , ch.9 |
| * Henry Allison | 'Kant on Freedom of the Will', in Guyer (ed.) <i>Cambridge Companion to Kant and Modern Philosophy</i> |
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| * Allen Wood | 'Kant's Compatibilism' in Wood (ed.), <i>Self and Nature in Kant's Philosophy</i> |
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14. God

Essay Questions

‘We require the Idea of a primordial Being necessary in itself, and yet can never form the slightest concept of it or of its absolute necessity’ (A679/B707). How can this be so?

Does Kant show conclusively that existence is not a “real predicate”?

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15. Transcendental Arguments

Essay Questions

Does the use of transcendental arguments carry a commitment to transcendental idealism?

Can transcendental arguments be of use in responding to scepticism?

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16. The Categorical Imperative

Essay Questions

Is a good will the only thing which can be conceived to be good without qualification?

How do the three formulations of the Categorical Imperative relate to one another?

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FURTHER TOPICS FOR B.PHIL STUDENTS

17. Modality

Essay Questions

Is there a distinction between logical and real possibility for Kant? What role does the distinction play in the Critical project?

Explain and assess Kant's account of modality.

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18. Reason

Essay Questions

How do theoretical and practical reason relate to each other? In what sense is practical reason primary?

Can the role of reason in the theoretical sphere be unified with the role of reason in the practical sphere?

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