THE PHILOSOPHY OF KANT

Set Texts


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 Practial 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  *Kant's Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction* (CUP, 2006)
Georges Dicker    *Kant's Theory of Knowledge* (SUNY, 2004)
Sebastian Gardner  *Kant And The Critique of Pure Reason* (Routledge, 1999)
Paul Guyer         *Kant* (Routledge, 2006)
Allen Wood         *Kant* (Blackwell, 2005)

Graham Bird (ed.)  *A Companion to Kant* (Blackwell, 2006)
Howard Caygill     *A Kant Dictionary* (Blackwell, 1995)
Paul Guyer (ed.)   *The Cambridge Companion to Kant* (CUP, 1992)

Some Commentaries

Karl Ameriks      *Interpreting Kant's Critiques* (OUP, 2003)
Jonathan Bennett  *Kant's Analytic* (CUP, 1966)
Jonathan Bennett  *Kant's Dialectic* (CUP, 1974)
A.W. Collins      *Possible Experience* (University of California Press, 1999)
Paul Guyer        *Kant and The Claims of Knowledge* (CUP, 1987)
Patricia Kitcher  *Kant's Transcendental Psychology* (OUP, 1990)
Rae Langton       *Kantian Humility* (OUP, 1998)
P.F. Strawson      *The Bounds of Sense* (Methuen, 1966 or later editions)
James Van Cleve   *Problems from Kant* (OUP, 1999)
R.C.S. Walker     *Kant* (Routledge, 1978)

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.
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*

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

*Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason*, chs.1-3

Buroker

*Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction*, chs.1-2

Dicker

*Kant’s Theory of Knowledge*, ch.1

Martin Schönfeld

‘Kant’s Philosophical Development’, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*

* Lucy Allais


* R.L. Anderson

‘The Introduction to the *Critique*’, in Guyer (ed.) *Cambridge Companion to Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason*

* James Van Cleve

Problems from *Kant*, chs.1,2

* Karl Schafer


Henry Allison

*Kant’s Transcendental Idealism*, chs.1,2

R.C.S. Walker

*Kant*, chs.1,2,9

P.F. Strawson

‘Kant’s New Foundations of Metaphysics’, and ‘The Problem of Realism and the A Priori’, both in *Entity and Identity* (OUP, 1997)

Paul Guyer

‘Introduction’, *Cambridge Companion to Kant*

Andrew Chignell

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

*CPR: Transcendental Aesthetic, Amphiboly of Concepts of Reflection*

Gardner

*Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason, ch.4*

Buroker

*Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction, ch.2*

Dicker

*Kant’s Theory of Knowledge, ch.2*

Lorne Falkenstein

‘Kant’s Transcendental Aesthetic’, in Bird (ed.) *A Companion to Kant*

* Daniel Warren

‘Kant and the Apriority of Space’, *Philosophical Review* 1998

* Lisa Shabel

‘The Transcendental Aesthetic’, in Guyer (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason*

Henry Allison

*Kant’s Transcendental Idealism, ch.5*

P.F. Strawson

*The Bounds of Sense*, part II, section I

James Van Cleve

*Problems from Kant*, ch.3

Paul Guyer

*Kant and the Claims of Knowledge*, chs.15,16

Charles Parsons

‘The Transcendental Aesthetic’, in Guyer (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Kant*

Lorne Falkenstein

‘Was Kant a Nativist?, in Kitcher (ed.) *Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason*

Lorne Falkenstein

*Kant’s Intuitionism* (Toronto, University of Toronto Press, 1995)

Gary Hartfield

‘Kant on the Perception of Space (and Time)’, in Guyer (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Kant and Modern Philosophy*

Lisa Shabel

‘Reflections on Kant’s Concept (and Intuition) of Space’, *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science* 2003

James Messina

‘Conceptual Analysis and the Essence of Space: Kant’s Metaphysical Exposition Revisited.’ *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 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

Kant

CPR: Transcendental Aesthetic, Postulates of Empirical Thought, Phenomena and Noumena, Fourth Paralogism in A, Antinomy of Pure Reason, sect.6

Prol., sect 13, remarks II and III; 32-38

Gardner

Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason, chs.4,8

Buroker

Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction, pp.305-310

Henry Allison

‘Kant’s Transcendental Idealism’, in Bird (ed.) A Companion to Kant

* P.F. Strawson

The Bounds of Sense, part IV

* Henry Allison.

Kant’s Transcendental Idealism, chs.1,2

* James Van Cleve

Problems from Kant, ch.10

* Lucy Allais


* Rae Langton

Kantian Humility (OUP, 1998), chs.1,2,10

H.E. Matthews

‘Strawson on Transcendental Idealism’ in Walker (ed.) Kant on Pure Reason

Lucy Allais

‘Kant’s One World’, The British Journal for the History of Philosophy 2004

A.W. Collins

Possible Experience, chs.1,2,3

Paul Abela

Kant’s Empirical Realism (OUP, 2002), ch.1

Quassim Cassam

‘Transcendental Arguments, Transcendental Synthesis and Transcendental Idealism’, Philosophical Quarterly 1987

Karl Ameriks

‘Kantian Idealism Today’ History of Philosophy Quarterly 1992

Desmond Hogan

‘How to Know Unknowable Things in Themselves’, Nous 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  

* 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  

* Lucy Allais  

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  

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*

- **Kant** 
  CPR: A50-A83/B74-B116

- **Gardner** 
  _Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason_, pp.115-135

- **Buroker** 
  _Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction_, ch.4

- **Dicker** 
  _Kant’s Theory of Knowledge_, ch.3

- **Derk Pereboom** 
  ‘Kant’s Metaphysical and Transcendental Deductions’ in Bird (ed.) _A Companion to Kant_.

- **Henry Allison** 
  _Kant’s Transcendental Idealism_, ch.6

- **P.F. Strawson** 
  _The Bounds of Sense_, pp.72-85

- **Quassim Cassam** 

- **Michael Wolff** 
  ‘How Precise is Kant’s Table of Judgments?’, in O’Shea (ed.) _Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason: A Critical Guide_.

* Béatrice Longuenesse 
  _Kant and the Capacity to Judge_ (Princeton University Press, 1998), intro, ch.1

* Béatrice Longuenesse 
  ‘Kant on a priori concepts’, in Guyer (ed.) _The Cambridge Companion to Kant and Modern Philosophy_.

* J.M. Young 
  ‘Functions of Thought and the Synthesis of Intuitions’ in Guyer (ed.) _The Cambridge Companion to Kant_.
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 Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason, ch.6

Buroker Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction, ch.5

Dicker Kant’s Theory of Knowledge, ch.4

Paul Guyer ‘The Transcendental Deduction of the Categories’, in Guyer (ed.) The Cambridge Companion to Kant

Paul Guyer ‘The Deduction of the Categories: The Metaphysical and Transcendental Deductions’ in Guyer (ed.) The Cambridge Companion to Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason

Derk Pereboom ‘Kant’s Metaphysical and Transcendental Deductions’ in Bird (ed.) A Companion to Kant

* Dieter Henrich ‘Kant’s Notion of a Deduction and the Methodological Background of the first Critique’ in Förster (ed.) Kant’s Transcendental Deductions (Stanford University Press, 1989)

* Dieter Henrich ‘The Proof-Structure of Kant’s Transcendental Deduction’ in R. Walker (ed.) Kant on Pure Reason

* Karl Ameriks ‘Kant’s Transcendental Deduction as a Regressive Argument’, in Kitcher (ed.) Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason, and in his Interpreting Kant’s Critiques

* P.F. Strawson The Bounds of Sense, pp.85-117

* James Van Cleve Problems from Kant, ch.7


Henry Allison Kant’s Transcendental Idealism, ch.7


Quassim Cassam ‘Transcendental Arguments, Transcendental Synthesis and Transcendental Idealism’, Philosophical Quarterly 1987

Anil Gomes ‘Is Kant’s Transcendental Deduction of the Categories Fit for Purpose?’, Kantian Review 2011
7. The Schematism

Essay Questions

Is the schematism the answer to a legitimate philosophical question?

Reading

Kant                  CPR: Transcendental Deduction, Schematism
Gardner              Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason, pp.165-171
Buroker              Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction, ch.6
Dicker               Kant’s Theory of Knowledge, pp.213-244

* Jonathan Bennett   Kant’s Analytic, ch.10
* Lauchlan Chipman   ‘Kant’s Categories and their Schematism’ in Walker (ed.) Kant on Pure Reason
* Patricia Kitcher   Kant’s Transcendental Psychology, chs.3,4
* Michael Pendlebury ‘Making Sense of Kant’s Schematism’, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 1995

David Bell           ‘The Art of Judgement’, Mind 1987
P.F. Strawson        ‘Imagination and Perception’ in Walker (ed.) Kant on Pure Reason
Paul Guyer           ‘Psychology and the Transcendental Deduction’ in Förster (ed.) Kant’s Transcendental Deductions (Stanford University Press, 1989)
P.F. Strawson        ‘Sensibility, Understanding and the Doctrine of Synthesis’ in Förster (ed.) Kant’s Transcendental Deductions. Reprinted in his Philosophical Writings (OUP, 2011)
Samantha Matherne   ‘Kant and the Art of Schematism’, Kantian Review 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


* 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

Kant

CPR: Second Analogy, A764/B792-A769/B797

Pro. §§26-31, 36

Gardner

Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason, pp.174-176

Buroker

Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction, ch.7

* Dicker

Kant’s Theory of Knowledge, ch.7

Arthur Melnick

“The Second Analogy” in Bird (ed.) A Companion to Kant

Eric Watkins

“The System of Principles” in Guyer (ed.) Cambridge Companion to Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason

* P.F. Strawson

The Bounds of Sense, pp.133-146

* Lewis White Beck

‘Once More unto the Breach’ and ‘A Non-Sequitur of Numbing Grossness?’ in his Essays on Kant and Hume (Yale University Press, 1978)

* Béatrice Longuenesse


* James Van Cleve

Problems from Kant, ch.9

Henry Allison

Kant’s Transcendental Idealism, ch.10 (Revised ed: ch.9 §III)

Paul Guyer

Kant and the Claims of Knowledge, ch.10

Jonathan Bennett

Kant’s Analytic, ch.15

Michael Friedman

‘Causal Laws and the Foundations of Natural Science’, in Guyer (ed.) Cambridge Companion to Kant

P.F. Strawson

Review of Guyer (ed.) Cambridge Companion to Kant in European Journal of Philosophy, August 1993

Arthur Melnick

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

Eric Watkins

Kant and the Metaphysics of Causality (CUP, 2005), ch.3

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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


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


Jonathan Vogel


Georges Dicker

‘Kant’s Refutation of Idealism’, Noûs 2008

Andrew Chignell

‘Causal Refutations of Idealism’, The Philosophical Quarterly 2010

Ralf Bader


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*

Kant  
CPR: Paralogisms of Pure Reason

Gardner  
*Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason*, ch.7

Buroker  
*Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction*, ch.8

Udo Thiel  
“The Critique of Rational Psychology’ in Bird (ed.) *A Companion to Kant*

* P.F. Strawson  
*The Bounds of Sense*, pp.162-174

*P.F. Strawson  
‘Kant’s Paralogisms: Self-Consciousness and the Outside Observer’ in *Entity and Identity and Other Essays*

* Patricia Kitcher  

*Béatrice Longuenesse  

* Ian Proops  
‘Kant’s First Paralogism’, *The Philosophical Review* 2010

Henry Allison  
*Kant’s Transcendental Idealism*, ch.13 (Revised ed: ch.12)

James Van Cleve  
*Problems from Kant*, ch.11

Jay Rosenberg  

Karl Ameriks  
*Kant’s Theory on Mind* (OUP, 1982), chs.1-4

Gary Hatfield  
‘Empirical, Rational and Transcendental Psychology’ in Guyer (ed) *The Cambridge Companion to Kant

Julian Wuerth  
“The Paralogisms of Pure Reason,” in Guyer (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason*

Béatrice Longuenesse  

Tobias Rosefeldt  
‘Subjects of Kant’s First Paralogism’, in Gomes and Stephenson (eds.) *Kant and the Philosophy of Mind* (OUP, 2017)
12. The Antinomies

Essay Questions

What support, if any, do the Antinomies give to transcendental idealism?

Explain and assess Kant’s arguments in the First and Second Antinomies.

Reading

Kant: CPR: The Antinomy of Pure Reason, particularly the First and Second Antinomies

Gardner: Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason, ch.7

Brooker: Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction, ch.9

* Michelle Grier: ‘The Logic of Illusion and the Antinomies’ in Bird (ed.) A Cambridge Companion to Kant

* Henry Allison: Kant’s Transcendental Idealism, ch.3 (Revised ed: ch.13)


* James Van Cleve: Problems from Kant, ch.6

Jonathan Bennett: Kant’s Dialectic, chs.7-9.


A.W. Moore: ‘A Note on Kant’s First Antimony’ Philosophical Quarterly 1992
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

Kant  
CPR: Third Antinomy
Kant  
Groundwork, §3
Gardner  
Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason, ch.7
Buroker  
Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction, ch.9

* Henry Allison  
‘Kant on Freedom of the Will’, in Guyer (ed.) Cambridge Companion to Kant and Modern Philosophy
* Henry Allison  
* Allen Wood  
‘Kant’s Compatibilism’ in Wood (ed.), Self and Nature in Kant’s Philosophy

Henry Allison  
Kant’s Transcendental Idealism, ch.15 (Revised ed: ch.13)
Henry Allison  
Kant’s Theory of Freedom (CUP, 1990), part 1
Jonathan Bennett  
Kant’s Dialectic, ch.10
Jonathan Bennett  
‘Commentary: Kant’s Theory of Freedom’ in Wood (ed.) Self and Nature in Kant’s Philosophy
Thomas Hill  
R.C.S. Walker  
Kant, ch.10, part 3, pp. 147-150
P.F. Strawson  
‘Freedom and Resentment’, in Freedom and Resentment and Other Essays (Methuen, 1974)
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”?

Reading

Kant CPR: The Ideal of Pure Reason

Gardner Kant and The Critique of Pure Reason, ch.7
Buroker Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason: An Introduction, ch.10

* P.F. Strawson The Bounds of Sense, pp.207-31
* Michelle Grier ‘The Ideal of Pure Reason’ in Guyer (ed.) The Cambridge Companion to Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason
* Allen Wood Kant’s Rational Theology (Cornell University Press, 1978)

Henry Allison Kant’s Transcendental Idealism, Revised ed: ch.14
Jonathan Bennett Kant’s Diatetic, ch.11.
James Van Cleve Problems from Kant, ch.12
R.C.S. Walker Kant, ch.12
Alvin Plantinga ‘Kant’s Objection to the Ontological Argument’ Journal of Philosophy 1966
Andrew Chignell ‘Belief in Kant’ Philosophical Review 2007
Allen Wood ‘Rational Theology, Moral Faith, and Religion’ in Guyer (ed.) The Cambridge Companion to Kant
Béatrice Longuenesse ‘The transcendental ideal, and the unity of the critical system’ in Kant on the Human Standpoint (CUP, 2005)
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?

*Reading*

Kant

CPR: The Discipline of Pure Reason in Regard to its Proofs

Derk Pereboom

‘Kant’s Transcendental Arguments’ *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*

A.W. Moore

‘The Transcendental Doctrine of Method’, in Guyer (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Kant’s Critique of Pure Reason*

* Ross Harrison

‘Transcendental Arguments and Idealism’ in Vesey (ed.) *Idealism: Past and Present*

* Barry Stroud

‘Transcendental Arguments’ in Walker (ed.) *Kant on Pure Reason*

* R.C.S. Walker

‘Kant and Transcendental Arguments’, in Guyer (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Kant and Modern Philosophy*

* Quassim Cassam

‘Self-Directed Transcendental Arguments’, in Stern (ed.) *Transcendental Arguments*

Barry Stroud

*The Significance of Philosophical Scepticism* (OUP, 1984), ch.4

P.F. Strawson,

*Skepticism and Naturalism* (Methuen 1985), ch.1

Richard Rorty


Robert Stern (ed.)

*Transcendental Arguments* (OUP, 1999)

Mark Sacks

‘Transcendental Arguments and the Inference to Reality’ in Stern (ed.) *Transcendental Arguments*

Robert Stern

*Transcendental Arguments and Scepticism* (OUP, 2000)
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?

**Reading**

**Kant**  
*Groundwork, §1, §2*

**Sally Sedgewick**  
*Kant’s Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals: An Introduction* (CUP, 2008)

**Onora O’Neill**  

* Christine Korsgaard  
‘Kant’s analysis of obligation: The argument of Groundwork I’, ‘Kant’s Formula of Universal Law’ and ‘Kant’s Formula of Humanity’ in her *Creating the Kingdom of Ends* (CUP, 1996)

* Barbara Herman  

**Onora O’Neill**  
‘Consistency in Action’, in Guyer (ed.) *Kant’s Groundwork Of The Metaphysics Of Morals*

**J.B. Schneewind**  
‘Autonomy, obligation and virtue: An overview of Kant’s moral philosophy,’ in Guyer (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Kant*

**Phillip Stratton-Lake**  
‘Moral Motivation in Kant’, in G. Bird (ed.) *A Companion to Kant*

**Allen Wood**  
‘Kant’s Formulations of the Moral Law’, in Bird (ed.) *A Companion to Kant*

**Allen Wood**  
*Kant’s Ethical Theory* (CUP, 1999), chs. 2-4

**Ido Geiger**  
‘What is the Use of the Universal Law Formula of the Categorical Imperative?’, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (2010)
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.

Reading

Kant

CPR: The Postulates of Empirical Thought in General; On the Clue to the Discovery of all Pure Concepts of the Understanding


* Nicholas Stang ‘Kant’s Theory of Real Possibility’, Philosophy Compass forthcoming.
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Can the role of reason in the theoretical sphere be unified with the role of reason in the practical sphere?

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