

PHIL 680: Heidegger's Interpretation of Kant

T/F 10:00am-12:30pm EST
Meeting remotely, on Zoom

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Course Description

Heidegger's interpretation of Kant staged a dialogue between two of the most formidable minds in the history of philosophy, and had a deep impact on the Continental European reception of Kant. Yet Heidegger's idiosyncratic interpretive style raises normative questions about interpretation: How close should an interpreter adhere to the text being interpreted? And when, if ever, is interpretive violence permitted? In this course, we will explore these questions about interpretation, as well as inquire into the philosophical issues that captivated Heidegger and Kant alike. For example, what is time, and how does it relate to the human subject? Further, how can we best characterize that human subject? In addition to reading Heidegger's Kant book, and a bit of Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*, we will read my own work-in-progress manuscript; therefore, the seminar offers the opportunity to contribute to ongoing scholarship on this topic.

Required Texts

1. Martin Heidegger, *Kant and the Problem of Metaphysics*, tr. Richard Taft (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 1997). (KPM)
2. Immanuel Kant, *The Critique of Pure Reason*, tr. Paul Guyer and Allen W. Wood (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003). (CPR)

Recommended Text

Martin Heidegger, *Phenomenological Interpretation of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*, tr. Parvis Emad and Kenneth Maly (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 1997). (PIK)

Evaluation

Participation (30%): Regular attendance and active, engaged participation is required. You must read the assigned pages before class and come in with your informed questions and comments.

Presentation (10%): During the final meeting, you must present your paper topic, and the progress you have made on it so far. The presentation should span about 10 minutes, with a discussion period to follow. I recommend you prepare a handout outlining your topic and providing relevant textual evidence.

Final Paper (60%): You must write a final paper on a topic of your choice. Topics are due to me by email by **July 23** (in the form of a paragraph or so), and the final paper is due to me by email on **August 10**. The paper must be 15-19 pages, double spaced, citing at least three secondary sources.

Walkalong Overlap

Students pursuing the M.A. for Second-Language Philosophy will complete two weekly writing assignments for the Walkalong Course. You should email them to Sami Seybold (sseybold@purdue.edu) for evaluation and feedback, but please also CC mlambeth@purdue.edu so I can address your ideas and questions during lecture.

Monday Reflections: You must write a reflection prior to each Tuesday seminar (excluding the first and last seminars), due on Monday. Each reflection should be one page long, double-spaced. The reflection must be based on the reading due on Tuesday; you should summarize some part of the reading and raise a question, pose an objection, or make a comment about it.

Thursday Questions: You must write a robust question (5+ lines) prior to each Friday seminar, due on Thursday. It must be based on the reading due on Friday.

Reading Schedule

CPR and KPM refer to our course textbooks. Required readings that are posted on our Brightspace page under Content are labeled "BS."

Week 1: Preliminary Material

Tuesday JUNE 15 10am	INTRODUCTIONS <i>Recommended:</i> Colin McQuillan, "Kant, Heidegger, and the In/Finitude of Human Reason." <i>CR: The New Centennial Review</i> , 17. 3 (2017): 81–102.
Friday JUNE 18 10am	<i>Required:</i> CPR Avii-Axxii, Bvii-Bxliv, A50/B74-A52/B76 <i>Recommended:</i> CPR B1-B24

Week 2: Fundamental Ontology

Tuesday JUNE 22 10am	<i>Required:</i> BT pp.21-49 (BS)
Friday JUNE 25 10am	<i>Required:</i> KPM pp.xvii-xxi and pp.1-17

Week 3: Interpretation and Translation

Tuesday JUNE 29 10am	<i>Required:</i> my "A Tale of Two Faculties: Heidegger's Method of Interpreting Kant," forthcoming in <i>History of Philosophy Quarterly</i> (BS) <i>Recommended:</i> Henrich, Dieter. "On the Unity of Subjectivity." <i>The Unity of Reason: Essays on Kant's</i>
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Philosophy. Translated by Günter Zöller. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1994. 17-54.

Friday JULY 2 10am

Required: my "A Proposal for Translating Heidegger's Interpretation of Kant." *Gatherings: Heidegger Circle Annual 10* (forthcoming, 2021): 20-57 (BS)

Recommended: Richard Polt, "The Untranslatable Word? Reflections on *Ereignis*." *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* 41, no.3-4 (2014): 407-425.

Week 4: Receptivity

Tuesday JULY 5 10am

Required: KPM, pp.18-36

Friday JULY 9 10am

Required: my "The Role of Receptivity in Heidegger's Kant Interpretation" (BS)

Recommended: Karin De Boer and Steven Howard. "A ground completely overgrown: Heidegger, Kant and the problem of metaphysics." *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 27 no.2 (2018): 358-377.

Week 5: Spontaneity and Schematism

Tuesday JULY 13 10am

Required: KPM Part Two, pp.36-88

Friday JULY 16 10am

Required: my Schematism Chapter (BS)

Recommended: Sacha Golob. "Intentionality and meaning," in: *Heidegger on Concepts, Freedom, and Normativity*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014: 70-155.

Week 6: Imagination

Tuesday JULY 20 10am

Required: KPM Part Three, pp.89-120

Friday JULY 23 10am

Required: KPM Part Three, pp.120-143

Week 7: Transcendental Deduction

Tuesday JULY 27 10am

Required: my "Unifying Apprehension, Reproduction, and Recognition: Heidegger's Interpretation of the Transcendental Deduction" (BS)

Recommended: PIK pp.231-249

Friday JULY 30 10am

Required: KPM Part Four, pp. 143-174

Final Week: Presentations

Tuesday AUGUST 3 10am

PAPER PRESENTATIONS