

Phil 285 : Advanced Topics in Kant's Theoretical Philosophy

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Class H&SS 7077
Tuesday 1:00-4:00

This course will investigate advanced topics in Kant's theoretical philosophy by close reading of recent secondary literature on the topic.

- Week 1 James Messina "The Relationship between Space and Mutual Interaction"
Lanier Anderson, *The Poverty of Conceptual Truth*, Part One
- Week 2 Lanier Anderson, *The Poverty of Conceptual Truth*, Part Three and Part Four
- Week 3 Lucy Allais, *Manifest Reality*, Part One (Chapters 1-4)
- Week 4 Lucy Allais, *Manifest Reality*, Part Two (Chapters 5-7)
- Week 5 Lucy Allais, *Manifest Reality*, Part Two (Chapters 8)
Lucy Allais, *Manifest Reality*, Part Three (Chapters 9-10)
- Week 6 Lucy Allais, *Manifest Reality*, Part Three (Chapters 11-12)
- Week 7 Anil Gomes, "Naïve Realism in Kantian Phrase"
Colin McLear, "Kant on Perceptual Content"
- Week 8 Eric Watkins, *Kant on Laws*, Introduction, Chapters 1 and 6, and Conclusion
- Week 9 TBD
- Week 10 TBD

Course Requirements:

1. Class Presentations: Every student will be responsible for leading discussion of the assigned literature. This entails presenting each chapter's main claims and arguments as well as raising points for discussion, such as criticisms of central interpretive and philosophical points. (The number of presentations will depend on enrollment.)
2. Term Paper: Every student must submit a substantive term paper (ca. 20 pages).
3. Class Participation: Active participation is required.

Bibliography

Allais, Lucy, *Manifest Reality: Kant's Idealism and his Realism*, Oxford University Press, 2015

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Gomes, Anil, "Naïve Realism in Kantian Phrase," *Mind* (forthcoming)

McLear, Colin, "Kant on Perceptual Content," *Mind* 125 (2016): 95-144.

Messina, James, "The Relationship between Space and Mutual Interaction: Kant contra Leibniz and Newton," *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 47 (2017): 43-65.

Watkins, Eric, *Kant on Laws*, Cambridge University Press, (allegedly forthcoming)