Topic for 2018: Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason*

This will be an advanced introduction to Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason*. It will be introductory in that I will not presuppose familiarity with the first Critique. It will be advanced in that we will go through the text more quickly than in a 400-level course on the *Critique*. So you’ll be expected to grapple with the readings independently before they are discussed in class, so that questions can be addressed in class. The hope is that we will get through representative selections from all of the main sections of the *Critique*. Ideally, by the end of the term, I would like to look beyond the first *Critique* to the Introduction to the *Critique of Judgement*, where Kant addresses the role of reason and of reflective judgement in empirical cognition.

**Assessment:**

(i) Weekly reading responses: maximum 500 words, 15%
(ii) Critical response: 1500 words, 25%
(iii) Mandatory final paper proposal
(iv) Final paper: 5000 words, 60%

The reading responses will be due by 9am the Friday before we discuss the reading. The critical response may be submitted at any point during the first eight weeks of the term, but must be submitted within two weeks of the class in which the reading you are responding to was discussed.

The proposal will be due by November 19th.

The final paper will be due on the last day of classes, December 4th.

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