REASON IN PRACTICE
KANTIAN PERSPECTIVES ON ETHICS, LAW AND POLITICS

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ABSTRACT

This conference encourages debate between historical and contemporary accounts of Kantian themes in ethics law and politics. Immanuel Kant envisaged a cosmopolitan federation of independent republics as the only way to secure peace. The means to achieving this end are the rule of law, both domestically in the form of republicanism and internationally in the form of cosmopolitanism. The Kantian perspective unites statist and cosmopolitan approaches by insisting on both the sovereignty of states as the only guarantee of popular rule domestically and on cosmopolitanism as the only guarantee of peace internationally. Kant’s treatment of law and politics points towards a highest political good which law and politics ought to pursue.

Can we conceive of such a teleological structure of law and politics today? Can the highest political good be reached or is it an unrealizable aim? How are we to understand Kant’s republicanism as a precondition for the federation of states? In which way can reason guide politics in a world where the majority of our leaders seem to be political moralists rather than moral politicians?

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PROGRAMME

19 May 2017

14:00-14:15  Welcome
14:15-15:35  Pauline Kleingeld (University of Groningen)
            Kant’s political theory in 1784
15:35-16:20  Luca Fonnesu (University of Pavia)
            Kant on Responsibility
16:20-16:40  Coffee break (Sala Villetta)
16:40-17:25  Luigi Filieri (University of Pisa)
            How to Rule Reason's Destiny
17:25-18:45  Konstantin Pollok (University of South Carolina)
            Authority and Self-legislation in Kant’s Critical Philosophy

20 May 2017

9:30-10:50  Paul Guyer (Brown University)
            Mendelssohn, Kant, and Freedom of Religion
10:50-11:10 Coffee break (Sala Villetta)
11:10-11:55 Sofie Møller (European University Institute)
            The Legal Character of Kant’s Critical Philosophy
12:00-12:45 Gabriele Gava (University of Frankfurt)
            Crusius and Kant on Belief, Moral Certainty and Practical Justification
12:45-14:15 Lunch (on invitation, Sala Villetta)
14:15-15:00 Lea Ypi (London School of Economics)
            The moral ought in as if history
15:00-15:45 Richard Bellamy (European University Institute)
            A European Republic of Sovereign States: A Kantian Vision of the EU
15:45-16:05 Coffee break (Sala Villetta)
16:05-17:25 Marcus Willaschek (University of Frankfurt)
            Kant's Practical Metaphysics
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