

Call for Abstracts

IMMANUEL KANT, 300 YEARS FROM NOW

Department of Political and Social Sciences - University of Catania October 17-19, 2024

Kant's tercentennial (1724-2024) is being celebrated around the world with events ranging from congresses, special lectures, and exhibitions. This international conference will focus on those ideas in the critical philosophy that participants perceive as most likely to influence the future. We want to better understand the significance of Kant's thought for all areas of current philosophical research and more generally for the world we will inhabit. While in theoretical and practical philosophy Kant offers one of the few credible alternatives to the dominant orientation of our times, that is, naturalism, in political theory his position has come under attack by a new generation of realist scholars who tend to understand politics as a domain fully independent of moral values. Realists have also 'come back' by highlighting how international affairs today seem to be explainable in terms of balance of power or lack thereof, with the current crises due to a system no longer controlled by a hegemony and new forces challenging Western dominance. Moreover, the very idea of the human species as deserving a special kind of respect by virtue of its rationality is called into doubt by our inability to work together for what is evidently in our interest: a serious response to climate change. Finally, Kant's Enlightenment hope for a gradual progress towards the cosmopolitan constitution seems to be frustrated – at the domestic level – by phenomena such as democratic backsliding, populism, money-driven oligarchic degeneration of liberal democracy, and – at the supranational level – by the current regression to a level of international bellicosity that increasingly resembles a third world War. Even the war of ideas does not seem to look promising with many forces (not all of them linked to despotic governments) eager to challenge the legacy of the Enlightenment as an ideal of moral and political decency. In this scenario, we expect participants to make an effort to unearth Kantian resources that may help us to meet the enormous intellectual and practical challenges before us.

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Allen Wood (Stanford University)

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Susan Shell (Boston College)

Abstracts are welcome for the “**IMMANUEL KANT, 300 YEARS FROM NOW,**” to be held at the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the **University of Catania from October 17 to 19, 2024. Abstracts from scholars at an advanced stage of their careers and junior researchers should be between 400 and 500 words, with 5 Keywords.** There is no registration fee.

The official language is English, but participants can submit and present their papers in Italian, German, Portuguese, Spanish, or French. If papers are not written in English, an English version of the texts should be made available at the moment of the presentation.

Deadline for submission: **July 10th 2024**, and you will be notified of the decision by July 31.

Please send abstracts to: **kant300fromnow@gmail.com**

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