

## The 4<sup>th</sup> Immanuel Kant International Summer School

### “Kant on the Normativity of Laws: Logic, Natural Science, Ethics”

Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University  
*Academia Kantiana & Kantian Rationality Lab*

Svetlogorsk, Kaliningrad region, Russia  
**24-30 August 2020**  
(Arrival: August 23, Departure: August 31)

**Target audience:** advanced bachelor students, master students, PhD students, recent postdocs (with PhD received not before 2017).

**Scientific Supervisor** – Prof. Dr. Konstantin Pollok (University of Mainz, Germany)

**Scientific Assistants** – Prof. Dr. Vadim A. Chaly (*Academia Kantiana*, Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University, Kaliningrad) and Dr. Rudolf Meer (University of Graz, Austria)

#### Call for applications:

The *Academia Kantiana* of the Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University invites applications for participation in the Forth Immanuel Kant International Summer School.

In his critical philosophy Kant argues that the central principles guiding our mind have a peculiar status. They are neither analytic nor a posteriori but rather synthetic a priori. But how can we distinguish between valid and invalid principles that share that status? Moreover, according to Kant, some of these synthetic a priori principles are the normative basis for the validity of our judgments about the world, on one hand, and our volitions, on the other. How does Kant justify his controversial claims about synthetic principles a priori – from the principles of the understanding, to the categorical imperative, to civil rights in a state? The task of the 2020 summer school will be to explore and evaluate Kant’s account of the normativity of those laws and principles. The guiding thread of our lectures and seminars will be marked by the following related questions: (1) how does Kant argue for (deduce) their binding force, or validity, and (2) is there a middle ground between realism and constructivism with respect to Kant’s idea of our reason’s self-legislation?

The summer school will focus on the analysis of central passages from Kant’s works (and a few others), including but not limited to the *Critique of Pure Reason*, the *Metaphysical Foundations of Natural Science*, the *Critique of Practical Reason*, and his essay on *Perpetual Peace*.

The summer school consists of lectures, seminars, and readings. Within the framework of the summer school there will also be a **scientific conference**, in which participants will give their own presentations on a research topic related to Kant’s philosophy, and discuss it with colleagues from different universities of Russia and the world.

At the end of the summer school the participants will be given a certificate of their participation.

**Working languages:** English, Russian.

#### Preliminary Program of the School

**Program** includes:

- lectures, seminars, readings (lectures and seminars – in English, readings – in English and Russian)
- the conference of the participants of the school with discussion
- Sightseeing tours to Kaliningrad and Curonian Spit

### **Thematic program of lectures and seminars:**

**Lecture 1:** Kant's Revolutionary Account of Normativity

**Seminar 1:** Kant on Synthetic Judgments A Priori

**Lecture 2:** Kant's Transcendental Hylomorphism

**Seminar 2:** Kant on Logical Normativity

**Lecture 3:** Self-Legislation and the Laws of Nature

**Seminar 3:** Kant on the Lawfulness of Natural Laws

**Lecture 4:** Self-Legislation and the Moral Law

**Seminar 4:** The *Homo Phenomenon-Noumenon* Distinction and the Lawfulness of Practical Laws

**Lecture 5:** Kant and the Natural Right Tradition

**Seminar 5:** Natural Right and Kant's *Perpetual Peace*

This School is supported by the **Forum "Petersburger Dialog"**, the **Russian Academic Excellence Project**, and the **Kantian Rationality Lab**.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

School participants are selected on a **competitive basis**, no more than 20 people. Participation in the summer school is free of charge.

Accommodation in Svetlogorsk and daily meal will be paid by our sponsor – the Forum "*Petersburger Dialog*".

**ATTENTION for candidates from Germany and Russia:** By successful evaluation of your application, your travel expenses to the venue of the school will be paid also by our sponsor – the Forum "*Petersburger Dialog*".

The organizers kindly ask all students and young scholars from other countries to apply for travel-grants at their home universities.

**DEADLINE for submission: 05 APRIL 2020**

Results of acceptance: 13 April 2020

#### **Requirements for applications:**

*English*, at least upper intermediate;

*Questionnaire* (see attachment);

*Abstract* on the topic of your presentation related to the theme of the summer school (in English, 1200-1400 words of main text, plus references, see: [Harvard System of Referencing \(6th edition\)](#))

*Motivation Letter* outlining how the candidate's attendance of the summer school would contribute to the progress of her/his research (in English, 350-400 words)

**Location:** Svetlogorsk, Kaliningrad region, Baltic sea.

**E-mail:** [academia@kantiana.ru](mailto:academia@kantiana.ru) (Thread: **Kant Summer School 2020**)

**Contact person:** Prof. Dr. Nina A. Dmitrieva

**Application Form**  
**for Participation at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Kant Summer School**  
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24 — 30.08.2020

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Surname, given name, year of birth	
University / affiliation (confirmation document strictly required)	
Education degree (bachelor / M.A. / PhD student, specialisation and year of degree)	
Doctoral degree (if graduated), promotion date	
Field and topic of research	
Scientific Advisor	
English language skills certificate (if available) (please, indicate a type of certificate and attach it to application)	
Contact information (phone, email, postal address)	
<b>For applicants from Germany or from Russia ONLY:</b>  <u>Destination</u> (strictly required) and preferable time of your flights to Kaliningrad (for example, Berlin, 7:00 pm - Kaliningrad - Berlin, 10:00 am)	