

Call for Presentations by Early Career Scholars

International Summer School

University of Cologne & Marquette University

Transcendental Idealism in Post-Kantian German Philosophy

June 22-26, 2020

a.r.t.e.s. Graduate School for the Humanities Cologne

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Topic:

Transcendental Idealism usually refers to the philosophy of knowledge developed by Immanuel Kant in the last decades of the 18th century. However, its significance extends far beyond the limits of Kantian philosophy, so that it would be no exaggeration to claim that most part of European and a fortiori Western philosophy has been developed against a background modelled on Transcendental Idealism. German Idealism, Historicism, Psychologism, Neo-Kantianism, Phenomenology are just a few of the philosophical traditions which have addressed the question of the method and content of transcendental idealist philosophy and which have tried in different ways to either reject the program of Transcendental Idealism or to defend it against ever-present criticisms.

This year's Summer School on "Transcendental Idealism in Post-Kantian German Philosophy" is co-organized by Marquette University and the Universität zu Köln (Cologne University) and aims to give a broad historical and systematic overview of Transcendental Idealism in its development from the end of the 18th till today for advanced B.A. and graduate students. Through a program that retraces the main stages of the path of Transcendental Idealism in the 19th and 20th centuries (German Idealism, post-Hegelian philosophy, Neo-Kantianism, Phenomenology, and Speculative Realism), the summer school will offer keynote lectures by experts in the field in addition to close reading sessions of classical texts on the dominant philosophers that have tackled the issue of Transcendental Idealism. The leading question in the light of current debates in contemporary philosophy will be: has Transcendental Idealism been overcome today or can still play a role in

the current philosophical landscape? Only after reviewing the classic “foes” and “keepers” of Transcendental Idealism over the last two centuries, it will be possible to address this question.

Summer School:

The summer school will take place in the buildings of the a.r.t.e.s. Graduate School for the Humanities Cologne at the University of Cologne, and will be open to all students affiliated to an University (if you are an American student please contact prof. Luft for further information). The program will consist of a one-week seminar (all day), which will include:

- (1) keynote lectures by invited guest speakers: Rainer Schäfer (Bonn), Niklas Grouls (Cologne), Sebastian Luft (Marquette), Alexander Schnell (Wuppertal), and Sarah Lehmann (Vienna)
- (2) reading group sessions led by instructors from University of Cologne (Elio Antonucci, Gaetano Basileo, Marco Cavallaro, Niklas Grouls)
- (3) presentations given by early career scholars (PhD students and Post-Doctoral researchers), based on responses to the CfP (below).

Call Guidelines for presentations by early career scholars:

We invite submissions of **300 words** abstracts for a **20-minutes presentation** followed by a discussion by early career scholars (PhDs, Post-Docs). Papers may be submitted on any topic dealing with the following issues:

- 1) Early reception of Kant's Transcendental Idealism by German Idealists (Fichte, Schelling, Hegel).
- 2) Criticisms and transformations of Transcendental Idealism in post-Hegelian philosophy (e.g. Historicism, Materialism, Psychologism)
- 3) Transcendental Idealism in Neo-Kantianism: between critique of natural science and critique of culture.
- 4) Transcendental Idealism and Phenomenology
- 5) Recent criticisms of Transcendental Idealism (e.g. Speculative Realism)

Abstracts must be prepared for **blind review** and sent as a digital copy (.docx or .pdf) to transcendentalidealism2020@gmail.com by **May 1, 2020**. Please enter your **name and affiliation** in the email. Notifications of acceptance will be sent no earlier than **May 15**.