Phil 285 Kant's Ethics Professor Lucy Allais (lallais@ucsd.edu) Professor Eric Watkins (ewatkins@ucsd.edu)

Reading Schedule (subject to adjustment):

Tues. 3/31 Kant, Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals, Preface and Section 1 (4:387-405) Korsgaard, Creating the Kingdom of Ends, Ch. 9 (Two Distinctions in Goodness) Langton, "Objective and Unconditioned Value" The Philosophical Review 116 (2007): 157-185

Herman, *The Practice of Moral Judgment*, Ch. 1 (On the Value of Acting from the Motive of Duty)

Tuesday 1:00-3:50

Office hours: Wed 2-3

Office Hours: Mon 12-2

Wood, Kant's Ethical Thought, Ch. 1 (Common rational moral cognition)

Further Recommendations:

Ameriks, *Interpreting Kant's Critiques*, Ch. 7 (Kant on the Good Will)

Korsgaard, *Creating the Kingdom of Ends*, Ch. 2 (Kant's Analysis of Obligation: The Argument of *Foundations* I)

Rawls, Lectures on the History of Moral Philosophy, Kant Lecture I

Rickless, "From the Good Will to the Formula of Universal Law," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 68 (2004): 554-577.

Tues. 4/7 Kant, *Groundwork*, Section 2 (4:406-428)

Hill, Dignity and Practical Reason, Ch. 1 (The Hypothetical Imperative)

O'Neill, Constructions of Reason, Ch. 5 (Consistency in Action)

Korsgaard, Creating the Kingdom of Ends, Ch. 3 (Kant's Formula of Universal Law)

Further Recommendations:

Herman, *The Practice of Moral Judgment*, Ch. 3 (Mutual Aid and Respect for Persons)

Rawls, *Lectures on the History of Moral Philosophy*, Kant Lecture II Wood, *Kant's Ethical Thought*, Ch. 3

Tues. 4/14 Kant, *Groundwork*, Section 2 (4:428-445)

Korsgaard, Creating the Kingdom of Ends, Ch. 4 (Kant's Formula of Humanity)

Wood, "Kant's formulations of the Moral Law", in *The Cambridge Companion to Kant*, Bird, Graham (ed.), Oxford: Blackwell, 2006.

Hill, Dignity and Practical Reason, Ch. 2 (Humanity as an End in itself)

Further Recommendations:

Darwall, "The Value of Autonomy and Autonomy of the Will," *Ethics* 116 (2006): 263-84.

Rawls, Lectures on the History of Moral Philosophy, Kant Lectures III-IV

Reath, *Agency and Autonomy in Kant's Moral Theory*, Ch. 4 ("Legislating the Moral Law")

Wood, Kant's Ethical Thought, Ch. 4 (The Formula of Humanity as an End in Itself)

Tues. 4/21 Kant, "Of the Different Races of Human Beings" (2:427-443),

Kant, "Determination of the Concept of Human Race" (8:89-106)

Kleingeld, "Kant's Second Thoughts on Race," *Philosophical Quarterly* 57 (2007): 573-92.

Mills, "Kant and Race, *Redux*," Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal 35 (2014): 1-33.

Further Recommendations:

Bernasconi, "Who Invented the Concept of Race? Kant's Role in the Enlightenment Construction of Race," in R. Bernasconi (ed.), Race (Oxford: Blackwell), pp. 11-36.

Hill, Tom and Boxill, B. "Kant and Race," in B. Boxill (ed.), *Race and Racism* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001, pp. 448-471.

Tues. 4/28 Kant, *Groundwork*, Section 3 (4:446-463)

Critique of Practical Reason, Book 1: Chapter 1 (5:3-57)

Ameriks *Interpreting Kant's Critiques*, Ch. 6 (Kant's Deduction of Freedom and Morality)

Korsgaard, *Creating the Kingdom of Ends*, Ch. 6 (Morality as Freedom)

Allison, Kant's Theory of Freedom, Ch. 11 (The Reciprocity Thesis)

Allison, *Kant's Theory of Freedom*, Ch. 12 (The Deduction in Groundwork III)

Further Recommendations:

Nelkin, "Two Standpoints and the Belief in Freedom," *The Journal of Philosophy* 96 (2000): 564-76.

O'Neill, Constructions of Reason. Ch. 3 (Reason and Autonomy in Grundlegung III)

Rawls, Lectures on the History of Moral Philosophy, Kant Lecture VIII

Schönecker, Kant: Grundlegung III

Timmermann, "Reversal or retreat? Kant's Deductions of Freedom and Morality" in *Kant's Critique of Practical Reason: A Critical Guide*, Ch. 4

Tues. 5/5 Kant, Critique of Practical Reason, Book 1: Chapter 2-3 (5:57-106)

Engstrom, "The Triebfeder of Pure Practical Reason" in *Kant's Critique of Practical Reason: A Critical Guide*, Ch. 5

Strawson, "Freedom and Resentment" in *Freedom and Resentment and Other Essays* (ed.) P.F. Strawson, London: Routledge, 2008.

Allais, "Freedom and Forgiveness", in *Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility* 2014, edited by Neal Tognazzini and David Shoemaker

Tues. 5/12 Kant, *Critique of Practical Reason*, Book 2: Dialectic of Pure Practical Reason (5:107-63)

Watkins, "The Antinomy of Practical Reason" in *Kant's Critique of Practical Reason: A Critical Guide*, Ch. 7

Willaschek, "The Primacy of Practical Reason" in *Kant's Critique of Practical Reason: A Critical Guide*, Ch. 8

Wood, Kant's Moral Religion, Ch. 4

Further Recommendations:

Adams "Moral Faith," The Journal of Philosophy 92 (1995): 75-95.

Wood, Kant's Moral Religion, Ch. 5

Tues. 5/19 Kant, Religion Within the Boundaries of Mere Reason, Part 1 (6:3-53)
 Sussmann, "Kantian Forgiveness," Kant-Studien 96 (2005): 85-107.
 Morgan, "The Missing Formal Proof of Humanity's Radical Evil in Kant's Religion,"
 The Philosophical Review 114 (2005): 63-114.

Further Recommendations: Hare, *The Moral Gap*, Ch. 9-10

Tues. 5/26 Kant, Metaphysics of Morals, Doctrine of Right (6:205-271)

Ripstein, Force and Freedom, Chs. 2-3

Allais, "What properly belongs to me: Kant on giving to beggars" *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (2014): 1-18.

Varden, Helga. "Kant's Non-Voluntarist Conception of Political Obligations: Why Justice Is Impossible in the State of Nature." *Kantian Review* 13.2 (2008): 1-45.

Further Recommendations:

Guyer, "Kant's Deductions of the Principles of Right" in *Kant's Metaphysics of Morals: Interpretative Essays*, (ed.) M. Timmons, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002, pp. 23-64.

Varden, Helga. "Kant's Non-Absolutist Conception of Political Legitimacy: How Public Right 'Concludes' Private Right in "The Doctrine of Right," *Kant-Studien* (2010): 331-51.

Thomas Nagel, "The Problem of Global Justice"

http://philosophy.fas.nyu.edu/docs/IO/1172/globaljustice.pdf
Katrin Flikschuh, *Kant and Modern Political Philosophy*, Chapter 5

Tues. 6/2 *Metaphysics of Morals*, Doctrine of Virtue (6:375-437)

Hill, "Kant's *Tugendlehre* as normative ethics," in *Kant's 'Metaphysics of Morals': A Critical Guide*, (ed.) L. Denis, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010, pp. 234-55.

Denis, "Freedom, primacy, and perfect duties to oneself," in *Kant's 'Metaphysics of Morals': A Critical Guide*, (ed.) L. Denis, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010, 170-91.

Engstrom, "The Inner Freedom of Virtue," in *Kant's Metaphysics of Morals: Interpretative Essays*, (ed.) M. Timmons, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002, pp. 289-315.

Required Texts:

Immanuel Kant, *Practical Philosophy*, ed. & tr. (Mary Gregor), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996).

Seminar Requirements:

I. Class participation: Attendance and active participation in every class is required.

II. Weekly Short writing assignments. Every week, you should write one long paragraph about what you found most interesting and one long paragraph about what you found most puzzling (totaling about 400 words). You must write about the primary texts and can write about secondary sources. These writing assignments are due on Sunday evening and must be distributed to the class.

III. One book review (1200 words): Choose one book from the list below, and write a 1200-word book review. (We will have a signup sheet so that we have broad coverage of the books.) Devote two thirds of the review to stating what the book's main thesis and argument is and one third to a respectful but critical interpretive take on it. It is due by Friday of Week 8. Your review must be sent to the entire class (so that everyone can benefit from your expertise).

Allison, Kant's Theory of Freedom
Engstrom, The Form of Practical Knowledge
Herman, The Practice of Moral Judgment
Hill, Dignity and Practical Reason
Korsgaard, Creating the Kingdom of Ends
O'Neil, Constructions of Reason
Rawls, Lectures on the History of Moral Philosophy
Reath, Agency and Autonomy in Kant's Moral Theory
Timmermann, Sittengesetz und Freiheit
Wood, Kant's Ethical Thought

IV. One term paper (15 –18 pages): Approval of term paper topics is required before the end of Week 8. The term paper is due on Thursday of finals week.

(Select) Bibliography:

Commentaries:

Allison, Henry, *Kant's 'Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals': A Commentary*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.

Beck, Lewis White, A Commentary on Kant's Critique of Practical Reason, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1960.

Byrd, Sharon, and Hrushka, Joachim, *Kant's Doctrine of Right: A Commentary*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Schönecker, Dieter, and Wood, Allen, *Immanuel Kant's 'Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals': A Commentary*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2015.

Timmermann, Jens, *Kant's 'Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals': A Commentary*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007.

(Mostly) Books:

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----, Interpreting Kant's Critiques, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.

Baxley, Anne Margaret, *Kant's Theory of Virtue: The Value of Autocracy*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

- Darwall, Stephen, The Second-Person Standpoint, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2006.
- Denis, Lara (ed.), Kant's 'Metaphysics of Morals': A Critical Guide, Cambridge University Press, 2010.
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- Grenberg, Jeanine, Kant and the Ethics of Humility, Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- Guyer, Paul, Kant's 'Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals, Continuum, London, 2007.
- Hare, John, *The Moral Gap*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997.
- Henrich, Dieter, The Unity of Reason, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1994 (chapters 2 & 3).
- Herman, Barbara, The Practice of Moral Judgment, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1993.
- ----, Moral Literacy, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2007.
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- ----, *Human Welfare and Moral Worth: Kantian Perspectives*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002.
- Korsgaard, Christine, *Creating the Kingdom of Ends*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996.
- ----, The Sources of Normativity, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996.
- ----, Self-Constitution, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009.
- O'Neill, Onora, *Constructions of Reason. Explorations of Kant's Practical Philosophy*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989.
- ----, Towards Justice and Virtue, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996.
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- Sensen, Oliver, Kant on Human Dignity, Berlin: de Gruyter, 2011.
- Shell, Susan, Kant and the Limits of Autonomy, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2009.
- Timmermann, Jens, Sittengesetz und Freiheit: Untersuchungen zu Immanuel Kants Theorie des freien Willens, Berlin: de Gruyter, 2003.
- ---- (ed.), *Kant's "Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals": A Critical Guide*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009.
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- Velkley, Richard, Freedom and the End of Reason: On the Moral Foundation of Kant's Critical Philosophy, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1989.
- Ward, Keith, The Development of Kant's View of Ethics, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1972.
- Wood, Allen, Kant's Ethical Thought, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999.
- ----, Kant's Moral Religion, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1970.
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