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- AA Akademie Ausgabe
 CE Cambridge Edition
 ApH *Anthropologie in pragmatischer Hinsicht* [1798] (AA 7)
 Anthropology from a Pragmatic Point of View, Robert B. Louden (trans.) (CE *Anthropology, History, and Education*, Robert B. Louden and Günter Zöller [eds.], 2007)
 BBM “Bestimmung des Begriffs einer Menschenrasse” [1785] (AA 8)
 “Determination of the Concept of a Human Race,” Holly Wilson and Günter Zöller (trans.) (CE *Anthropology, History, and Education*)
 Br. Briefe (AA 10–13)
 Kant’s letters (CE *Correspondence*, Arnulf Zweig [ed. and trans.], 1999)
 C Moralphilosophie Collins [reflecting notes originally from 1774 to 1777; transcribed for or by Collins, 1784–1785] (AA 27)
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- ED *Das Ende aller Dinge* [1794] (AA 8)
The End of All Things, Allen W. Wood (trans.) (CE *Religion and Rational Theology*, Allen W. Wood and George di Giovanni [eds.], 1996)
- F Naturrecht Feyerabend [1784] (AA 27)
 Kant's lectures on natural right (to appear, translated by Frederick Rauscher, in CE *Lectures and Drafts on Political Philosophy*, Frederick Rauscher and Kenneth Westphal [eds.], forthcoming)
- FS "Die falsche Spitzfindigkeit der vier syllogistischen Figuren erwiesen" [1762] (AA 2)
 "The False Subtlety of the Four Syllogistic Figures" (CE *Theoretical Philosophy, 1755–1770*, David Walford and Ralf Meerbote [eds.], 2003)
- G *Grundlegung zur Metaphysik der Sitten* [1785] (AA 4)
Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals (CE *Practical Philosophy*, Mary J. Gregor [ed. and trans.], 1996)
- GtP "Über den Gebrauch teleologischer Principien in der Philosophie" [1788] (AA 8)
 "On the Use of Teleological Principles in Philosophy," Günter Zöller (trans.) (CE *Anthropology, History, and Education*)
- H Praktische Philosophie Herder [1762–64] (AA 27)
 Herder's notes on Kant's lectures on practical philosophy. Translated selections appear in CE *Lectures on Ethics*.
- HN Handschriftlicher Nachlass (AA 14–23)
 Handwritten remains (selections in CE *Notes and Fragments*, Paul Guyer [ed.], Curtis Bowman, Paul Guyer, Frederick Rauscher [trans.], 2000, and in CE *Lectures and Drafts on Political Philosophy*)
- KpV *Kritik der praktischen Vernunft* [1788] (AA 5)
Critique of Practical Reason (CE *Practical Philosophy*)
- KrV A/B *Kritik der reinen Vernunft* [1781, 1787], cited by A (first edition) / B (second edition)
Critique of Pure Reason, Paul Guyer and Allen Wood (eds. and trans.) (CE, 1998)
- KU *Kritik der Urteilskraft* [1790] (AA 5)
Critique of the Power of Judgment, Paul Guyer (ed. and trans.) (CE, 2000)

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- LJ *Immanuel Kants Logik, ein Handbuch zu Vorlesungen*, G.B. Jäsche (ed.) [originally published Königsberg: Friedrich Nicolovius, 1800] (AA 9)
 Jäsche Logic (Part IV of CE *Lectures on Logic*)
- M I Moral Mrongovius I [1774–77] (AA 27)
 Mrongovius notes on Kant's moral philosophy (brief passages used to supplement Collins notes in CE *Lectures on Ethics*)
- M II Moral Mrongovius II [1784–85] (AA 29)
 Mrongovius notes on Kant's moral philosophy lectures (selections in CE *Lectures on Ethics*)
- MS *Die Metaphysik der Sitten* [1797–98] (AA 6)
 Metaphysics of Morals (CE *Practical Philosophy*)
- P Praktische Philosophie Powalski [1782–83] (AA 27)
 Powalski notes on Kant's practical philosophy lectures
- PG *Immanuel Kants physische Geographie*, F.T. Rink (ed.) [originally published Königsberg: Göbbels and Unzer, 1802] (AA 9)
 Physical Geography (forthcoming, Davod Oldroyd and Olaf Reinhardt (trans.), in CE *Natural Science*, H.B. Nisbet and E. Watkins [eds.], forthcoming)
- Pr. *Prolegomena zu einer jeden künftigen Metaphysik* [1783] (AA 4)
 Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics, Gary Hatfield (trans.) (CE *Theoretical Philosophy after 1781*, Henry Allison and Peter Heath [eds.], 2002)
- PS Preisschrift – “Untersuchung über die Deutlichkeit der Grundsätze der natürlichen Theologie und der Moral” [1764] (AA 2)
 “*Inquiry Concerning the Distinctness of the Principles of Natural Theology and Morality*” (CE *Theoretical Philosophy, 1755–1770*)
- R Reflexionen (AA 14–19)
 Selections appear in CE *Notes and Fragments* and CE *Lectures and Drafts on Political Philosophy*. Citations include Reflexionen number.
- RGV *Die Religion innerhalb der Grenzen der blossen Vernunft* [1793] (AA 6)
 Religion within the Boundaries of Mere Reason (CE *Religion and Rational Theology*)
- RL *Metaphysische Anfangsgründe der Rechtslehre* [1797] (AA 6)
 Metaphysical Foundations of the Doctrine of Right, part one and the first published part of the *Metaphysics of Morals* (CE *Practical Philosophy*)

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- TL *Metaphysische Anfangsgründe der Tugendlehre* [1797] (AA 6)
Doctrine of Virtue, part two and the second published part of
the *Metaphysics of Morals* (CE *Practical Philosophy*)
- TP “Über den Gemeinspruch: Das mag in der Theorie richtig sein,
taugt aber nicht für die Praxis” [1793] (AA 8)
“On the Common Saying: That May be Correct in Theory,
but it is of No Use in Practice” (CE *Practical Philosophy*)
- V Die *Metaphysik der Sitten* Vigilantius [1793–94] (AA 27)
Vigilantius notes on Kant's lectures on the metaphysics of
morals (CE *Lectures on Ethics*)
- VA Vorlesungen über Anthropologie (AA 25)
Lectures on Anthropology (selections to appear in CE
Lectures on Anthropology, Allen Wood and Robert Louden
[eds.], forthcoming)
- VM Vorlesungen über Metaphysik (AA 28, 29)
Lectures on Metaphysics (selections in CE *Lectures on
Metaphysics*, Karl Ameriks and Steve Naragon [eds. and trans.],
1997)
- VpR Vorlesungen über die philosophische Religionslehre [1783–
86?] (AA 28)
Lectures on the Philosophical Doctrine of Religion, Allen
W. Wood (trans.) (CE *Religion and Rational Theology*)
- VR “Von den verschiedenen Racen der Menschen, zur
Ankündigung der Vorlesungen der physischen Geographie im
Sommerhalbjahr” [1775] (AA 2)
“Of the Different Races of Human Beings,” Holly Wilson
and Günter Zöller (trans.) (CE *Anthropology, History, and
Education*)
- VRL Vorarbeiten zu *Die Metaphysik der Sitten*, Erster
Teil: *Metaphysische Anfangsgründe der Rechtslehre* (AA 23)
Preparatory Work on the *Metaphysics of Morals*, First
Part: *Metaphysical Principles of the Doctrine of Right*
- ZeF “Zum ewigen Frieden” [1795] (AA 8)
“Toward Perpetual Peace” (CE *Practical Philosophy*)