KANT’S METAPHYSICS OF MORALS

Immanuel Kant’s *Metaphysics of Morals* (1797), containing the *Doctrine of Right* and *Doctrine of Virtue*, is his final major work of practical philosophy. Its focus is not rational beings in general but human beings in particular, and it presupposes and deepens Kant’s earlier accounts of morality, freedom, and moral psychology. In this volume of newly commissioned essays, a distinguished team of contributors explores the *Metaphysics of Morals* in relation to Kant’s earlier works, as well as examining themes which emerge from the text itself. Their topics include the relation between right and virtue, property, punishment, and moral feeling. Their diversity of questions, perspectives, and approaches will provide new insights into the work for scholars in Kant’s moral and political theory.

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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)
   Collins notes on Kant’s moral philosophy lectures (CE *Lectures on Ethics*, Peter Heath [ed. and trans.] and J.B. Schneewind [ed.], 1997)
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ED      Das Ende aller Dinge [1794] (AA 8)

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     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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  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

  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 Vernunfti [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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