

"Kant's critique and critical metaphysics."

This course will offer a detailed introduction to how Kant criticised his predecessors for not showing that and how metaphysical knowledge is possible at all, as well as a survey of how Kant himself sought to legitimate metaphysics and bring it to a "secure course of a science" (*Critique of Pure Reason*, 2nd edition, xviii). Several of Kant's metaphysical theses will also be discussed. The course includes at least the following central themes: the analytic/synthetic distinction, transcendental idealism, thing in itself, ideality of space and time, the categories of pure understanding, Kant's defence against Hume's causal scepticism, and Kant's critique of speculative metaphysics. The aim is to understand Kant's central philosophical views both systematically and in its historical context. The course also prepares for further, independent research on Kant's philosophy. For this aim, the students will work closely with Kant's own text as well as with chosen secondary literature. The course will be in English.