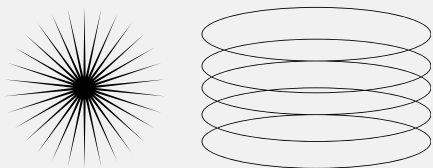


# 14th International Summer School in German Philosophy



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## The Good in German Idealism

This year's Summer School will focus on a central issue in value theory: the good. We will explore some of the major conceptions of the good in German Idealism, starting from Kant's conception of the highest good and its post-Kantian reception and transformation in Fichte, Schelling, and Hegel. One of the guiding threads of our discussion will be how freedom as self-determination is possible in light of an ontological notion of the good. Can we reconcile the idea of the good as determining the value of an action, character, or even a whole form of life with the notion of freedom as radical self-determination? Is it possible to spell out a concept of the will as both self-positing (autonomous) and oriented towards a highest good that cannot be thought of as in any way produced by us (as individuals or historical, social collectives of any kind)?

# SCHEDULE

## August 19 (Seminar Room IZPH)

9am-1pm: Introduction/Kant (Prof. Karl Schafer)

4pm-6pm: Keynote: Dr. Alexander T. Englert (Princeton).

Readings:

Kant, Immanuel

- Critique of Practical Reason, “Dialectic” (5:107-148) & “On the concept of an object of pure practical reason” (5:57-5:67)
- Critique of Pure Reason, “On the Ideal of the Highest Good” “A804-819/B832-847”

## August 20 (Seminar Room IZPH)

9am-1pm: Kant (Prof. Karl Schafer)

4pm-6pm: Keynote: Prof. Karin Nisenbaum (Syracuse University).

Readings:

Kant, Immanuel

- Critique of Practical Reason, “Dialectic” (5:107-148) & “On the concept of an object of pure practical reason” (5:57-5:67)
- Critique of Pure Reason, “On the Ideal of the Highest Good” “A804-819/B832-847”

## August 21 (Seminar Room IZPH)

9am-1pm: Fichte & Schelling (Prof. Markus Gabriel)

4pm-6pm: Fichte & Schelling (Prof. Markus Gabriel)

Readings:

Fichte, Johann Gottlieb

- The Vocation of the Scholar

Schelling, Friedrich Wilhelm Joseph

- Philosophical Investigations into the Essence of Human Freedom
- Of the I as the Principle of Philosophy or on the Unconditional in Human Knowledge

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## August 22 (Seminar Room IZPH)

9am-1pm: Hegel (Prof. Nicholas Stang)

Readings:

Hegel, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich

- The Science of Logic, “The Idea of the Good” (pp. 729-734)
- The Phenomenology of Spirit “IV. The Truth of Self-Certainty” & “V. The Certainty and Truth of Reason” (pp. 102-252)
- Philosophy of Right, “The Good and the Conscience” (§§129-141)

## August 23 (Center for Science and Thought)

9am-1pm: Hegel (Prof. Nicholas Stang)

4-6pm: Keynote: Prof. Dr. Andrea Kern (Leipzig)

6pm-: Dinner/Party at Center for Science and Thought

Readings:

Hegel, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich:

- The Science of Logic, “The Idea of the Good” (pp. 729-734)
- The Phenomenology of Spirit “IV. The Truth of Self-Certainty” & “V. The Certainty and Truth of Reason” (pp. 102-252)
- Philosophy of Right, “The Good and the Conscience” (§§129-141)

Kern, Andrea

- “Life and Mind: Varieties of Neo-Aristotelianism: Naive, Sophisticated, Hegelian”

Thompson, Michael

- “Three Degrees of Natural Goodness (Discussion note, Iride)”
- “Apprehending Human Form”

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