



Freedom and Human Nature in Kant, Fichte and Hegel

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Building on a long-standing tradition of research on Kant and German idealism, the philosophy department at the university of Tübingen is running a biannual series of international summer schools on key themes from Kant and German idealist philosophy. This year's summer school is devoted to questions revolving around the relation between freedom and human nature in Kant, Fichte and Hegel.

In the 1790s, Kant is increasingly concerned with defining and analyzing anthropological conditions for free, autonomous action. This raises the question of whether there is a tension between Kant's a priori reason-based concept of freedom as elaborated in his earlier critical works, and his later idea that human freedom is subject to anthropological constraints and conditions. The summer school aims to examine the relation between Kant's a priori and anthropological approach to human freedom. Furthermore, against this background we will look at how Fichte's and Hegel's way of appropriating Kant's conception of freedom may have been influenced by their aim to integrate transcendental and anthropological perspectives on human freedom.

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Topics and texts include:

- Freedom as autonomy: Kant's conception of freedom in the *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals* and *Critique of Practical Reason*
- Virtue, human nature and autonomy in Kant's *Metaphysics of Morals*
- Human nature, freedom and the problem of evil in Kant's *Religion within the Boundaries of Mere Reason*
- The will, self-determination and human drives in Fichte's *System of Ethics*
- Fichte on the problem of evil
- Between nature and freedom: Hegel's conception of practical spirit in his *Encyclopedia of Philosophical Sciences*
- Hegel on free will and human nature in his *Outlines of the Philosophy of Right*