

## Summer School Program

### *Essences, Dispositions, and Laws in Kant*

Instructors: James Kreines (Claremont) and Michael Bennett McNulty (Minnesota)

Universität Trier, room B22, August 22-24, 2022

22 August (James Kreines)
10am – 1pm
<b>1. A Necessitation Account (NA) of Kant’s Particular Laws of Nature</b>
<b>Required readings:</b> Kreines, “Kant on the Laws of Nature: Laws, Necessitation, and the Limitation of Our Knowledge” in <i>European Journal of Philosophy</i> Kreines, “Kant on the Laws of Nature: Restrictive Inflationism and Its Philosophical Advantages” in <i>The Monist</i> , pp. 326-328 and 334-338
<b>Supplementary readings:</b> Kitcher, “Projecting the Order of Nature” in <i>Kant’s Philosophy of Physical Science</i> , pp. 201-4 Kim, “Explanatory Knowledge and Metaphysical Dependence” in <i>Philosophical Issues</i> , pp. 66-69 Watkins, “What is, for Kant, a Law of Nature?” in <i>Kant-Studien</i> , pp. 482-485 Watkins, <i>Kant and the Metaphysics of Causality</i> , p. 405
2pm – 5pm
<b>2. Extending NA and Raising and Addressing Epistemological Problems</b>
<b>Required readings:</b> Spagnesi, “The Necessity of Empirical Laws through the Lens of Kant’s Dialectic” Messina, “Kant’s Necessitarian Account of Laws of Nature and the Nature of Natures” in <i>Kant and the Laws of Nature</i> , pp. 138-149
<b>Supplementary readings:</b> Breitenbach, “Laws and Ideal Unity” in <i>Laws of Nature</i> , pp. 112-113. Cooper, “Hypotheses in Kant’s Philosophy of Science” in <i>Studies in History and Philosophy of Science</i> , p. 4 Engelhard, “The Problem of Grounding Natural Modality in Kant’s Account of Empirical Laws of Nature” in <i>Studies in History and Philosophy of Science</i> , pp. 8-9.
5pm – 5.30pm
Participant presentation 1: <b>Serena Lander (Mainz)</b> <b>“The Necessity of a Material Substance in the First Analogy”</b>

<b>23 August (James Kreines and Michael Bennett McNulty)</b>
<i>10am – 1pm</i>
<b>3. From Laws towards Things in Themselves and the Broader Critical Project (James Kreines)</b>
<p><b>Required readings:</b>  Warren, <i>Reality and Impenetrability in Kant's Philosophy of Nature</i>, pp. 44-58  Kreines, "Things in Themselves and Metaphysical Grounding: On Allais' <i>Manifest Reality</i>" in <i>European Journal of Philosophy</i>, pp. 253-258 and 261-264  Kreines, "For a Dialectic-First Approach to Kant's Critique of Pure Reason" in <i>Open Philosophy</i>, pp. 490-498.</p>
<i>2pm – 5pm (hybrid)</i>
<b>4. The Natures Do the Necessitating: Kantian Necessitarian Account of Laws (Michael Bennett McNulty)</b>
<p><b>Required readings:</b>  Messina, "Kant's Necessitarian Account of Laws of Nature and the Nature of Natures" in <i>Kant and the Laws of Nature</i>  Kreines, "Kant and the Laws of Nature: Laws, Necessitation, and the Limitation of Our Knowledge" in <i>European Journal of Philosophy</i></p> <p><b>Supplementary reading:</b>  Watkins, <i>Kant and the Metaphysics of Causality</i>, Chapter 5, "The Metaphysics of Freedom," Section "Consistency" and Chapter 6, "Kant's Reply to Hume," Section "Laws of Nature"</p>
<i>5pm – 5.30pm</i>
Participant presentation 2: <b>Thierry Schütz (Zurich)</b> <b>"Kant on Our Cognition of Essences and the Systematic Unity of Nature"</b>
<b>24 August (Michael Bennett McNulty)</b>
<i>2pm – 4pm (hybrid)</i>
<b>5. The Understanding Does the Necessitating: Kantian Prescriptive Account of Laws (Michael Bennett McNulty)</b>
<p><b>Required reading:</b>  Watkins, "What is, for Kant, a Law of Nature?" in <i>Kant-Studien</i>  Watkins, "Conclusion" in <i>Kant on Laws</i>  Kant, <i>Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics</i>, §§36–38</p> <p><b>Supplementary reading:</b>  Messina, "Looking for Laws in All the Wrong Spaces" in <i>European Journal of Philosophy</i></p>
<i>4pm – 6pm (hybrid)</i>

**6. Unifying Natures and the Understanding: Comprehensive Accounts of Laws (Michael Bennett McNulty)**

**Required readings:**

Pollok, “‘The Understanding Prescribes Laws to Nature’: Spontaneity, Legislation, and Kant’s Transcendental Hylomorphism” in *Kant-Studien*

Massimi, “Grounds, Modality, and Nomic Necessity in the Critical Kant” in *Kant and the Laws of Nature*

**Supplementary readings:**

Friedman, “Causal Laws and the Foundations of Natural Science” in *The Cambridge Companion to Kant*

Ameriks, “On Universality, Necessity, and Law in General in Kant” in *Kant and the Laws of Nature*

*6pm – 6.30pm*

Participant presentation 3: **Adrien Avramoglou (Paris)**  
**“Putnam, Substances and Laws: A Kantian Enlightenment”**