

KANT, CRITIQUE OF THE POWER OF JUDGMENT

Basic Information (18/9/2007)

1 Literature

Immanuel Kant, *Critique of the Power of Judgment*, ed. by Paul Guyer, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2000

More literature will be given later.

2 Preliminary schedule

The third Critique and Kant's philosophical system

1. **18/9/2007** *Why a third Critique?* Preface
2. **19/9/2007** *How Kant's construal of theoretical and practical philosophy leaves a problem* (Introduction, I–II)
3. **20/9/2007** *How the problem might be solved* (Introduction, III, IV, VI, IX)

„Critique of the Aesthetic Power of Judgment“

4. **25/9/2007** *Why the beautiful is neither the good nor the pleasant* (§§1 – 5)
5. **26/9/2007** *Is there more to beauty than “I like this and you like that”?* (§§6 – 8)
6. **27/9/2007** *A tension in our thought on beauty and how it can be resolved* (§§9 and 20, 30 – 40)
7. **02/10/2007** *Beauty and purposiveness* (§§10 – 17)
8. **03/10/2007** *The sublime* (§§23 – 26, 28)
9. **04/10/2007** *Beauty in nature and art* (§§ 41 – 43)
10. **09/10/2007** *The artist as a genius* (§§ 46 – 50)

„Critique of the Teleological Power of Judgment“

12. **10/10/2007** *Are there purposes out there in nature?* (§§61 – 68)
13. **11/10/2007** *Teleological and causal thinking* (§§69 – 78)

3 Contact

Claus Beisbart, main building, 219, email: Claus.Beisbart@udo.edu.

KANT, CRITIQUE OF THE POWER OF JUDGMENT

Problems for session 2 (19/9/2007)

Please read: Introduction (not first introduction), I–II (i.e. pp. 59–63)

1. In the first section of the Introduction, Kant is concerned how to distinguish between theoretical and practical philosophy. How does he draw the distinction and how do other people get the distinction wrong?
2. Draw a picture that shows how theoretical and practical philosophy are related according to what Kant says in the second section.
3. In the second section, Kant talks about a big problem that he thinks he has solved in the first Critique (or the Prolegomena, for that). What is this problem, and how did Kant solve it?
4. What further problem is there, given Kant’s solution of the big problem?

KANT, CRITIQUE OF THE POWER OF JUDGMENT

What is critical philosophy?

“My intention is to persuade those who think it worthwhile to occupy themselves with metaphysics that it is strictly necessary to stop at the very beginning and to regard everything that has been done [in metaphysics] as not done and to ask oneself: Is something like metaphysics possible at all?”¹

“It is obviously the effect not of levity but of the matured judgment of the age, which refuses to be any longer put off with illusory knowledge. It is a call to reason to undertake anew the most difficult of all its tasks, namely, that of self-knowledge, and to institute a tribunal which will assure to reason its lawful claims, and dismiss all groundless pretensions, not by despotic decrees, but in accordance with its own eternal and unalterable laws. This tribunal is no other than the *critique of pure reason*.

I do not mean by this a critique of books and systems, but of the faculty of reason in general, in respect of all knowledge after which it may strive *independently of all experience*.”²

¹ Kant, Prolegomena, 255, A4, translation: C.B.

² Critique of Pure Reason, Preface to first edition, A xi f., translation: N. Kemp Smith