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Social and Political Philosophy
Issues in Kant's Political Writing

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Course Description:
The course is a close study of Kant's Political Writing with special focus on justice, democracy, rights, and constitution-making. Students are encouraged to critically engage and reflect upon these topics by way of discussion and presentation in the class. The aim is to realize and appreciate the significance of Kant's work for contemporary political institutions and ideas.

Course Format:
The course is organized as an online course that is centered on a seminar format. Weekly readings will be done and discussed in a discussion forum. Notes for these readings will be made available prior to their due date on the class schedule. Tests are given after one third of the material has presented. Finally, an essay will gage students understanding of Kant's political writings. I will be available throughout the course either by email or through the discussion board

Learning outcomes:
-Students should acquire better communicative (both in writing and oral forms) skills.
-Students should develop a good understanding of the history of the development of the
 idea of justice in Kant's work.
-Students should be able to formulate a critical position on such ideas as right and justice.
-Students should acquire a sense of Kantian moral reasoning.
-Students should get an improved sense of critical and analytic competencies—vis a vis
Contemporary political issues.

Required Text:
Immanuel Kant, *Kant's Political Writing*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 1991

* Please note: This is a preliminary web course outline only. The Philosophy Department reserves the right to change without notice any information in this description. The final, binding course outline will be distributed in the first class of the semester.