

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
Personality and Humanity in Kant: Theoretical, Moral and
Anthropological Perspectives

Project MC-RISE “KANT IN SOUTH AMERICA”
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Oftentimes taken as a thinker of the individual, others as a thinker of the universal, Kant's thought has been greatly reduced to these two dimensions and is seen as aiming at one or the other, but seldom at both as one.

As such, Kant the cosmologist, the physical geographer, the aestheticist, the anthropologist, considers the individual in order to ultimately ascertain the universal, whereas Kant the critical philosopher, the logician, the metaphysician starts from universal principles in order to explain the individual.

The reality of Kant's views on the human being, however, is quite different. As proof of this stands the very fertile emergence and consolidation of the concept of *person* throughout Kant's work, and what its gradual construction comes to mean for Kant's unique concept of the human being. A key-concept ever since Kant's work as a cosmologist, a geographer, an anthropologist, visible in its pivotal position in cosmogony or in the anthropological concept of a pragmatic I/We – the concept of personality would also be at the core of Kant's positions on practical philosophy, politics or history, only to play a no less relevant role in his critical philosophy. Kant's concept of person therefore escapes the limitations of individuality and/or universality, and brings such concepts, as well as their fields of thought, closer together. It suggests a new concept of human being that is as multifarious as the different fields of knowledge upon which it is construed.

The concept of person, in its relation to that of humanity, is therefore central in Kant's work, and its fertile, multidimensional nature offers the possibility for a new reassessment of Kant's positions on the human being from the different scopes of Ecology, Cosmology, Politics, Aesthetics or Philosophy. This, we think, bears very noble and positive interdisciplinary possibilities, and may enable us to re-think Kant's

conception of humanity and its implications in light of the most potent socio-political and societal challenges of our days.

The organizing committee welcomes papers that explore the concepts of humanity and personality in Kant from any disciplinary perspective, while privileging those capable of showing the centrality of such concepts for a comprehensive and integrated understanding of the critical philosophy.

Organizing Committee

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Call for Abstracts

We invite all those interested to submit their abstracts to the International Conference “Personality and Humanity in Kant: Theoretical, Moral and Anthropological Perspectives”, which will take place on June 19th, 2019, at the Faculty of Letters of the University of Lisbon. The conference will be divided between a morning section, devoted to presentations by non-Kantinsa members, and an afternoon section, devoted to presentations by Kantinsa members. Abstracts should address one of the dimensions of the Kantian topics mentioned above. They should be 600-800 words in length and be accompanied by a short bio-bibliographical note and 5 keywords. Abstracts may be presented in one of the languages of the conference (Portuguese, English, German, Italian, Spanish and French) and submitted for evaluation to the following email address: kantinsamtconf2019@gmail.com

Deadline for submission of abstracts: May 15th, 2019.

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