

## SEMINAR

### KANTIAN PEACE, DEMOCRATIC PEACE AND THE RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

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The course introduces students to Kant's theory of peace. It then uses this introduction to highlight the difference between Kant's model and the model one can infer from democratic (or liberal) peace theory, namely, the explanation of the alleged fact that democracies have never fought each other. It concludes by discussing how each model would account for the Russian aggression against Ukraine. What are the causes of that war on the two models? Is the fact that Russia is an authoritarian regime the sole relevant fact? Since Russia and Ukraine were and still are highly interdependent in their economies, as much as Russia and Europe are, does the war count as a gigantic falsification of the doctrine of *doux commerce* to which Kant's third pillar of peace (cosmopolitan right) is often reduced? Does the fact that Russia still was at the beginning of the war a member of the Council of Europe count as a falsification of the second pillar, namely the idea that co-membership in a supranational federation averts war?

#### Teaching Methods

The course presupposes active participation. Students are required to select at least one text from the reading list and present it to their colleagues. Classes will be run as seminars: it is expected that students read the material before class and participate in the discussion of the material presented. In addition to in-class presentations, students are required to write a 10/15-page long final paper on a topic relevant to the course, and to take a final oral exam.

#### Assessment methods

Assessment will take place by looking at three aspects of students' performance: 1) Participation in class, 2) Presentation, 3) Final exam

Grade Weights:

Participation in class: 30%

Presentation: 30%

Final exam: 40%

#### Required Readings

The Cambridge Edition of the Works of Immanuel Kant, *Practical Philosophy*, (translated by Mary J. Gregor), Cambridge: CUP.

Caranti, L. 2017. *Kant's Political Legacy. Human Rights, Peace, Progress*. Cardiff: University of Wales Press.

Caranti, L. 2022. *The Kantian Federation*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022.

Doyle, M.W. 1983a, 1983b. Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs, Part I and II. *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 12(3,4): 205-235; 323-353.

#### Introduction

- 1) October 18<sup>th</sup> in class  
No material assigned

*Kantian Peace*

- 2) October 25<sup>th</sup> online  
Kant, I. *To Perpetual Peace: The Preliminary Articles*  
The Cambridge Edition of the Works of Immanuel Kant, *Practical Philosophy*, (translated by Mary J. Gregor), Cambridge: CUP: pp.317-322  
Caranti, L. 2022. *The Kantian Federation*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022; pp.1-11.
  
- 3) Nov 8<sup>th</sup> online  
Kant, I. *To Perpetual Peace: The First Definitive Article*  
The Cambridge Edition of the Works of Immanuel Kant, *Practical Philosophy*, (translated by Mary J. Gregor), Cambridge: CUP: pp.322-325.  
Caranti, L. 2022. *The Kantian Federation*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022; 11-18.
  
- 4) Nov 15<sup>th</sup> in class  
Kant, I. *To Perpetual Peace: The Second Definitive Article*  
The Cambridge Edition of the Works of Immanuel Kant, *Practical Philosophy*, (translated by Mary J. Gregor), Cambridge: CUP: pp.325-328.  
Caranti, L. 2022. *The Kantian Federation*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022; 18-22.
  
- 5) Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> online  
Kant, I. *To Perpetual Peace: The Third Definitive Article*  
The Cambridge Edition of the Works of Immanuel Kant, *Practical Philosophy*, (translated by Mary J. Gregor), Cambridge: CUP: pp.328-331.  
Caranti, L. 2022. *The Kantian Federation*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022; 22-26.
  
- 6) Nov 29<sup>th</sup> in class  
Guarantee of Perpetual Peace and the Role of the Moral Politician  
The Cambridge Edition of the Works of Immanuel Kant, *Practical Philosophy*, (translated by Mary J. Gregor), Cambridge: CUP: pp.331-347.
  
- 7) Dec 6<sup>th</sup> online  
Focus: Why Can't there be a European Army?  
Caranti, L. 2022. *The Kantian Federation*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022; 35-60.

### *Democratic Peace*

8) Dec 13<sup>th</sup> in class

Doyle, M.W. 1983a, 1983b. Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs, Part I. *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 12(3,4): 205-235.

9) Dec 20<sup>th</sup> online

Doyle, M.W. 1983a, 1983b. Kant, Liberal Legacies, and Foreign Affairs, Part II. *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 12(3,4): 323-353.

10) January 10<sup>th</sup> online

The debate on the democratic peace

Caranti, L. 2007. *Kant's Political Legacy. Human Rights, Peace, Progress*. Cardiff: University of Wales Press 2017, pp. 160-194.

### *The Two Models Compared and the Russia-Ukraine War*

11) January 17<sup>th</sup> online

Kantian Peace Vs Democratic Peace

Caranti, L. 2007. *Kant's Political Legacy. Human Rights, Peace, Progress*. Cardiff: University of Wales Press 2017, pp. 195-206.

12) January 24<sup>th</sup> in class

The Russia-Ukraine War through the lens of the democratic peace

Reading tba

13) January 31<sup>st</sup> online

The Russia-Ukraine War through the lens of the Kantian peace

Reading tba