

Vital Forces, Teleology and Organization-Andrea Gambarotto 2017-10-03 This book offers a comprehensive account of vitalism and the Romantic philosophy of nature. The author explores the rise of biology as a unified science in Germany by reconstructing the history of the notion of “vital force,” starting from the mid-eighteenth through the early nineteenth century. Further, he argues that Romantic Naturphilosophie played a crucial role in the rise of biology in Germany, especially thanks to its treatment of teleology. In fact, both post-Kantian philosophers and naturalists were guided by teleological principles in defining the object of biological research. The book begins by considering the problem of generation, focusing on the debate over the notion of “formative force.” Readers are invited to engage with the epistemological status of this formative force, i.e. the question of the principle behind organization. The second chapter provides a reconstruction of the physiology of vital forces as it was elaborated in the mid- to late-eighteenth century by the group of physicians and naturalists known as the “Göttingen School.” Readers are shown how these authors developed an understanding of the animal kingdom as a graded series of organisms with increasing functional complexity. Chapter three tracks the development of such framework in Romantic Naturphilosophie. The author introduces the reader to the problem of classification, showing how Romantic philosophers of nature regarded classification as articulated by a unified plan that connects all living forms with one another, relying on the idea of living nature as a universal organism. In the closing chapter, this analysis shows how the three instances of pre-biological discourse on living beings - theory of generation, physiology and natural history - converged to form the consolidated disciplinary matrix of a general biology. The book offers an insightful read for all scholars interested in classical German philosophy, especially those researching the philosophy of nature, as well as the history and philosophy of biology.

Art and Truth after Plato-Tom Rockmore 2013-06-24 Despite its foundational role in the history of philosophy, Plato’s famous argument that art does not have access to truth or knowledge is now rarely examined, in part because recent philosophers have assumed that Plato’s challenge was resolved long ago. In Art and Truth after Plato, Tom Rockmore argues that Plato has in fact never been satisfactorily answered—and to demonstrate that, he offers a comprehensive account of Plato’s influence through nearly the whole history of Western aesthetics. Rockmore offers a cogent reading of the post-Platonic aesthetic tradition as a series of responses to Plato’s position, examining a stunning diversity of thinkers and ideas. He visits Aristotle’s Poetics, the medieval Christians, Kant’s Critique of Judgment, Hegel’s phenomenology, Marxism, social realism, Heidegger, and many other works and thinkers, ending with a powerful synthesis that lands on four central aesthetic arguments that philosophers have debated. More than a mere history of aesthetics, Art and Truth after Plato presents a fresh look at an ancient question, bringing it into contemporary relief.

Purposiveness of nature in Kant's third critique-Menting, Thijs Diese Studie verfolgt das Ziel, eine transzendente Interpretation der Kritik der Urteilskraft von Immanuel Kant vorzulegen, welche sowohl den Zusammenhang mit den anderen kritischen Werken, als auch die interne Kohärenz des Buches berücksichtigt. Ich bezeichne die Interpretation als transzendental, weil das neu eingeführte Erkenntnisvermögen, nämlich die reflektierende Urteilskraft, zusammen mit seinem a priori Prinzip der Zweckmäßigkeit in den Fokus gerückt wird. Dies sollte es erlauben, die scheinbare Vielfalt der Themen (von ästhetischen Urteilen über Kultur bis hin zu teleologischen Urteilen über Naturzwecke), welche viele Interpreten in die Irre geführt hat, ausschließlich in Abhängigkeit dieses Erkenntnisvermögens und des entsprechenden transzendentalen Prinzips zu untersuchen. Auf diesem Weg wird nicht nur beabsichtigt, die Zugehörigkeit der Kritik der Urteilskraft zum transzendentalen Projekt Kants nachzuweisen, sondern außerdem auch das Prinzip der Zweckmäßigkeit in unserem reflexiven Verhältnis zur Natur zu etablieren. Der wichtigste Beitrag dieser Studie besteht darin, die Kritik der Urteilskraft in das größere kritische Projekt einzuordnen. Ich habe argumentiert, wie das Bedürfnis für die Voraussetzung der reflektierenden Urteilskraft aus dem eigentümlichen Charakter unseres sinnlichen und diskursiven Gemüts folgt. Da wir ein sinnliches und diskursives Gemüt haben, verfügen wir nicht über einen unmittelbaren Einblick in alle Merkmale der Gegenstände der empirischen Natur. Die eigentümliche Beschaffenheit unseres Gemüts erfordert begriffliche Vorstellungen, die sich mittelbar auf Objekte beziehen. Das Prinzip der Zweckmäßigkeit, nämlich die Voraussetzung, dass die Natur unserem Gemüt angemessen organisiert ist, ist eine notwendige Bedingung für die Möglichkeit der Reflexion auf die empirischen Merkmale der Natur. Reflexion verweist in meinem Ansatz auf den Prozess der Auswahl von Merkmal für eine Klassifizierung, einschließlich die Reflexion auf die Methode, Mittel und Kriterien. Anstatt einen Beitrag zur Erkenntnis drücken Reflexionsurteile also Unwissenheit bezüglich der Intention hinter dem Entwurf der Natur, wie Geschmacksurteile und teleologische Urteile über organisierte Materie, am deutlichsten aus. So betrachtet hängt Reflexion, egal ob sie sich in Begriffsbildung, wissenschaftlicher Systematisierung, Geschmacksurteilen oder teleologischen Urteilen über organisierte Materie ausdrückt, von einem eigenen Prinzip der reflektierenden Urteilskraft ab, das in einer transzendentalen Untersuchung in der Kritik der Urteilskraft dargestellt und begründet wird. This dissertation aims to deliver a transcendental interpretation of Immanuel Kant's Critique of Judgment, considering both its coherence with other critical works as well as the internal coherence of the work itself. This interpretation is called transcendental insofar as special emphasis is placed on the newly introduced cognitive power, namely the reflective power of judgement, guided by the a priori principle of purposiveness. In this way the seeming manifold of themes, varying from judgements of taste through culture to teleological judgements about natural purposes, are discussed exclusively in regard of their dependence on this faculty and its transcendental principle. In contrast, in contemporary scholarship the book is often treated as a fragmented work, consisting of different independent parts, while my focus lies on the continuity comprised primarily of the activity of the power of judgement. Going back to certain central yet silently presupposed concepts, adopted from previous critical works, the main contribution of this study is to integrate the KU within the overarching critical project. More specifically, I have argue how the need for the presupposition by the reflective power of judgement follows from the peculiar character of our sense-dependent discursive mind. Because we are sense-dependent discursive minds, we do not and cannot have immediate insight into all of nature's features. The particular constitution of our mind rather demands conceptually informed representations which mediate refer to objects. Having said that, the principle of purposiveness, namely the presupposition that nature is organized in concert with the particular constitution of our mind, is a necessary condition for the possibility of reflection on nature's empirical features. Reflection refers on my account to a process of selecting features in order to allow a classification, including reflection on the method, means and selection criteria. Rather than directly contributing to cognition, like the categories, reflective judgements thus express our ignorance when it comes to the motivation behind nature's design, and this is most forcefully expressed by judgements of taste and teleological judgements about organized matter. In this way, reflection, regardless whether it is manifested in concept acquisition, scientific systematization, judgements of taste or judgements about organized matter, relies on a principle of the power of judgement which is revealed and justified in this transcendental inquiry.

The Possibility of Culture-Bradley Murray 2015-06-22 The Possibility of Culture: Pleasure and Moral Development in Kant's Aesthetics presents an in-depth exploration and deconstruction of Kant's depiction of the ways in which aesthetic pursuits can promote personal moral development. Presents an in-depth exploration of the connection between Kant's aesthetics and his views on moral development Reveals the links between Kant's aesthetics and his anthropology and moral psychology Explores Kant's notion of genius and his views on the connections between the social aspects of taste and moral development Addresses aspects of Kant's ethical theory.

Art and Selfhood-Antony Aumann 2019-02-14 Drawing on insights from Søren Kierkegaard (1813–1855), Art and Selfhood: A Kierkegaardian Account defends the idea that art matters in our society today because it can play a pivotal role in helping us become better and more authentic versions of ourselves.

Nietzsche's Naturalism-Christian J. Emden 2014-05-29 This book examines Nietzsche's philosophical naturalism both historically and philosophically, establishing a link between his discussions of nature and normativity.

Kant's Critique of Taste-Katalin Makkai 2021-04-30 This book explores Kant's compelling vision of our aesthetic and cognitive lives as anchored in experiences of attunement and animation.

Hegels Concept of Life-Karen Ng 2020 "This book defends a new interpretation of Hegel's idealism as oriented by a philosophical and logical concept of life, with a focus on Hegel's Science of Logic. Beginning with the influence of Kant's Critique of Judgment, Karen Ng argues that Hegel's key philosophical contributions concerning self-consciousness, freedom, and logic, all develop around the idea of internal purposiveness, an idea that Hegel takes to be "Kant's great service to philosophy." In the first part of the book, Ng charts the development of the purposiveness theme in Kant's third Critique, and argues that the key innovation from that text is the claim that the purposiveness of nature opens up and enables the non-arbitrary operation of the power of judgment. She argues that this innovation is the key for understanding Hegel's philosophical method in the Differenzschrift (1801) and Phenomenology of Spirit (1807), a method in which the theory of self-consciousness plays a central role. With the aid of arguments from Fichte and Schelling, Hegel argues against Kant that internal purposiveness is constitutive of cognition's activity, shaping its essential relation to both self and world. In part two, Ng defends a new and detailed interpretation of Hegel's Logic, arguing that Hegel's Subjective Logic can be understood as Hegel's own version of a critique of judgment, in which life comes to be understood as opening up the possibility of intelligibility as such. She argues that Hegel's theory of judgment is modelled on reflective, teleological judgments, in which something's species or kind provides the objective context for predication. The Subjective Logic culminates in the argument that life is a primitive or original activity of judgment, one that is the necessary presupposition for the actualization of self-conscious cognition. Ng demonstrates that absolute method is best interpreted as the ongoing dialectic between life and self-conscious cognition, providing a new way of understanding Hegel's philosophical system"--

Critique of Judgement-Immanuel Kant 2007-06-14 Kant's Critique of Judgement analyses our experience of the beautiful and the sublime in relation to nature, morality, and theology. Meredith's classic translation is here lightly revised and supplemented with a bilingual glossary. The edition also includes the important First Introduction. - ;'beauty has purport and significance only for human beings, for beings at once animal and rational' In the Critique of Judgement (1790) Kant offers a penetrating analysis of our experience of the beautiful and the sublime, discussing the objectivity of taste, aesthetic disinterestedness, the relation of art and nature, the role of imagination, genius and originality, the limits of representation and the connection between morality and the aesthetic. He also investigates the validity of our judgements concerning the apparent purposiveness of nature with respect to the highest interests of reason and enlightenment. The work profoundly influenced the artists and writers of the classical and romantic period and the philosophy of Hegel and Schelling. It has remained a central point of reference from Schopenhauer and Nietzsche through to phenomenology, hermeneutics, the Frankfurt School, analytical aesthetics and contemporary critical theory. J. C. Meredith's classic translation has been revised in accordance with standard modern renderings and provided with a bilingual glossary. This edition also includes the important 'First Introduction' that Kant originally composed for the work. -

Kant and Fine Art-Associate Professor of Philosophy Salim Kemal 1986 Integrating Kant's ideas on aesthetics and morality, Dr. Kemal explains how Kant's theories emphasize that art is critical to the development of culture and community goals. He clarifies Kant's often obscure efforts to justify artistic judgements and demonstrates Kant's claim that they have their own necessity. Containing explanations of many difficult terms present in Kant's Critique of Judgment, this study is a valuable guide to understanding Kant's association of beauty and morality.

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Kant's Theory of Normativity-Konstantin Pollok 2017-02-02 A milestone in Kant scholarship, this interpretation of his critical philosophy makes sense of his notorious 'synthetic judgments a priori'.

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The Significance of Aspect Perception-Avner Baz 2020-06-24 In this volume, Baz offers a wide-ranging discussion of Wittgenstein’s remarks on aspect-perception, with special focus on Wittgenstein’s method. Baz starts out with an interpretation of Wittgenstein’s remarks on aspects and continues with attempts to characterize and defend Wittgenstein’s approach to the understanding and dissolution of philosophical difficulties. Baz ends with attempts to articulate—under the inspiration of Merleau-Ponty’s phenomenology—certain dissatisfactions, both with Wittgenstein’s remarks on aspect perception, and with his philosophical approach more generally. On the way, Baz explores connections between Wittgenstein’s remarks on aspects and Kant’s aesthetics. He examines ways in which the remarks on aspects may be brought to bear on contemporary philosophical work on perception. He discusses some of the implications of Wittgenstein’s work on aspect perception for issues in moral philosophy and the philosophy of action.

Aesthetics and Morals in the Philosophy of David Hume-Timothy M. Costelloe 2007 "The second aim of the book is realized in chapters 5 to 7 by entertaining three objections against Hume's moral philosophy. First, if morality is an immediate reaction to the beauty of vice and the deformity of virtue, why is perfect virtue not the general condition of every human individual? Second, if morality consists of sentiments that arise in the subject, how can moral judgments be objective and claim universal validity? And third, if one can talk of "general standards" governing conduct, how does one account for the diversity of moral systems and their change over time?

Duties Regarding Nature-Toby Svoboda 2015-06-26 In this book, Toby Svoboda develops and defends a Kantian environmental virtue ethic, challenging the widely-held view that Kant's moral philosophy has little to offer environmental ethics. On the contrary, Svoboda contends that on Kantian grounds, there is good moral reason to care about non-human organisms in their own right and to value their flourishing independently of human interests, since doing so is constitutive of certain (environmental) virtues. Svoboda argues that Kant’s account of indirect duties regarding nature can ground a compelling environmental ethic: the Kantian duty to develop morally virtuous dispositions strictly proscribes unnecessarily harming organisms, and it also gives us moral reason to act in ways that benefit such organisms. Svoboda's account engages the recent literature on environmental virtue (including Rosalind Hursthouse, Philip Cafaro, Ronald Sandler, Thomas Hill, and Louke van Wensveen) and provides an original argument for an environmental ethic firmly rooted in Kant’s moral philosophy.

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