KANT AND COSMOPOLITANISM

This is the first comprehensive account of Kant's cosmopolitanism, highlighting its moral, political, legal, economic, cultural, and psychological aspects. Contrasting Kant's views with those of his German contemporaries, and relating them to current debates, Pauline Kleingeld sheds new light on texts that have been hitherto neglected or underestimated. In clear and carefully argued discussions, she shows that Kant's philosophical cosmopolitanism underwent a radical transformation in the mid-1790s and that the resulting theory is philosophically stronger than is usually thought. Using the work of figures such as Fichte, Cloots, Forster, Hegewisch, Wieland, and Novalis, Kleingeld analyzes Kant's arguments regarding the relationship between cosmopolitanism and patriotism, the importance of states, the ideal of an international federation, cultural pluralism, race, global economic justice, and the psychological feasibility of the cosmopolitan ideal. In doing so, she reveals a broad spectrum of positions in cosmopolitan theory that are relevant to current discussions of cosmopolitanism.

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Abbreviations and main primary texts

Works by Kant

ApH  Anthropologie in pragmatischer Hinsicht, Ak 7 (1798)
      Anthropology from a pragmatic point of view
BBM  Bestimmung des Begriffs einer Menschenrasse, Ak 8 (1785)
      Determination of the concept of a human race
BSE  Beobachtungen über das Gefühl des Schönen und Erhabenen, Ak 2 (1764)
      Observations on the feeling of the beautiful and sublime
DpG  Dohna Vorlesungen über physische Geographie (1792)
      Dohna lectures on physical geography
EaD  Das Ende aller Dinge, Ak 8 (1794)
      The end of all things
G    Grundlegung zur Metaphysik der Sitten, Ak 4 (1785)
      Groundwork for the metaphysics of morals
GTP  Über den Gemeinspruch: Das mag in der Theorie richtig sein,
      taugt aber nicht für die Praxis, Ak 8 (1793)
      On the common saying: This may be correct in theory, but it is
      of no use in practice
IaG  Idee zu einer allgemeinen Geschichte in weltbürgerlicher
      Absicht, Ak 8 (1784)
      Idea for a universal history from a cosmopolitan perspective
KdU  Kritik der Urteilskraft, Ak 5 (1790)
      Critique of judgment
KpV  Kritik der praktischen Vernunft, Ak 5 (1788)
      Critique of practical reason
KrV  Kritik der reinen Vernunft (1781, 1787)
      Critique of pure reason
LD   Nachschrift zu Christian Gottlieb Mielckes Littauisch-
      deutschem und deutsch-littauischem Wörterbuch, Ak 8 (1800)
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Postscript to Christian Gottlieb Mielcke’s Lithuanian-German and German-Lithuanian dictionary

MAM Mutmaßlicher Anfang der Menschengeschichte, Ak 8 (1786)
Conjectural beginning of human history

MdS Metaphysik der Sitten, Ak 6 (1797)
Metaphysics of morals

MdS Vig Metaphysik der Sitten Vigilantius, Ak 27 (1793–94)
Metaphysics of morals Vigilantius

nevT Von einem neuerdings erhobenen vornehmen Ton in der Philosophie Ak 8 (1796)
On a recently prominent tone of superiority in philosophy

Ped Immanuel Kant über Pädagogik, Ak 9 (1803)
Lectures on pedagogy

Phil Aufsätze, das Philanthropin betreffend, Ak 2 (1776, 1777)
Essays regarding the Philanthropinum

R Reflexionen aus dem Nachlaß, Ak 14–23
Notes and fragments, unpublished remains

Rel Religion innerhalb der Grenzen der bloßen Vernunft, Ak 6 (1793)
Religion within the boundaries of mere reason

RezH Rezensionen von J.G. Herders Ideen zur Philosophie der Geschichte der Menschheit. Teil 1 und 2, Ak 8 (1785)
Review of J.G. Herder’s Ideas for the philosophy of the history of humanity, parts 1 and 2

SdF Der Streit der Facultäten, Ak 7 (1798)
The conflict of the faculties

TPP Über den Gebrauch teleologischer Prinzipien in der Philosophie, Ak 8 (1788)
On the use of teleological principles in philosophy

VA Vorlesungen über Anthropologie, Ak 25
Lectures on anthropology

VRM Von den verschiedenen Rassen der Menschen, Ak 2 (1775, 1777)
Of the different races of human beings

WiA Beantwortung der Frage: Was ist Aufklärung? Ak 8 (1784)
An answer to the question: What is enlightenment?

ZeF Zum ewigen Frieden: Ein philosophischer Entwurf, Ak 8 (1795)
Toward perpetual peace: A philosophical sketch
Abbreviations and main primary texts

References are to: *Kants gesammelte Schriften*. Ausgabe der Preussischen (later Deutschen) Akademie der Wissenschaften (Berlin: Georg Reimer, subsequently Walter de Gruyter, 1902–).

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Anacharsis Cloots

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Johann Gottlieb Fichte

References are to: *Fichte’s sämmtliche Werke*, ed. Immanuel Hermann Fichte (Berlin: Veit & Comp., later Walter de Gruyter, 1845–46).
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GH S Der geschloßne Handelsstaat: Ein philosophischer Entwurf als Anhang zur Rechtslehre, und Probe einer künftig zu liefernden Politik (1800)
The closed commercial state: A philosophical sketch as an appendix to the doctrine of right and an example of a future politics

GNR Grundlage des Naturrechts nach Prinzipien der Wissenschaftslehre (1796)
The foundation of natural right according to the principles of the Wissenschaftslehre

RZeF Rezension von Kants Zum ewigen Frieden (1796)
Review of Kant’s Toward Perpetual Peace

Georg Forster

References are to: Georg Forsters Werke, ed. Deutsche Akademie der Wissenschaften (Berlin: Akademie Verlag, 1958–).

Abbreviations

LaB Über lokale und allgemeine Bildung (1791)
On local and general Bildung

LkG Leitfaden zu einer künftigen Geschichte der Menschheit (1789)
Guiding thread to a future history of humankind

MR Noch etwas über die Menschenrassen (1786)
Something more on the human races

SNA Vorläufige Schilderung des Nordens von Amerika (1791)
Provisional sketch of North America

VS Vorrede, Sakontala oder der entscheidende Ring (1791)
Preface to Sakontala or the decisive ring

Dietrich Hermann Hegewisch

References are to the original publications, mentioned below.

Abbreviations

EaM Über einen in Europa einzuführenden allgemeinen Münzfuß, Historisch-politisches Magazin 1 (1787): 211–14
On a common monetary standard, to be introduced in Europe
Abbreviations and main primary texts

GH Über den wahren Grundsatz der Handelsgesetzgebung und über die Vorbereitungsmittel, das Handelsverkehr unter allen Völkern zum möglich höchsten Grade zu erweitern und zu beleben, Berlinische Monatsschrift 20 (1792): 502–35
On the true principle of trade legislation, and on the preparatory measures to extend and stimulate commerce among all peoples to the highest possible degree

Which of the European nations was the first to implement the system of mercantilism completely?

NB Neue Betrachtungen über den nemlichen Gegenstand, in D.H. Hegewisch, Historische, philosophische und literarische Schriften (Hamburg: Bohn, 1793), 249–56
New observations on the same subject (that is, the same subject as GH)

WvZ Über die Wahrscheinlichkeit eines künftigen vollkommenen Zustandes der Menschheit, Deutsches Magazin 10 (1795): 36–69
On the probability of a future more perfect condition of humankind

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Abbreviations
AB Allgemeines Brouillon
Universal brouillon
Bl Blüthenstaub (1798)
Pollen
CE Die Christenheit oder Europa: Ein Fragment (presented 1799, first published in full in 1826)
Christianity or Europe: A fragment
FS Fichte-Studien
Fichte studies
GL Glauben und Liebe (1798)
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VAD Vorrede zu: Allgemeine Damenbibliothek, vol. 1 (1785)
Preface to the general library for ladies

VHC Vorrede zu: Schiller, Historischer Calender für Damen für das Jahr 1792 (1791)
Preface to Schiller's historical calendar for ladies for the year 1792