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ABBREVIATIONS

Kant

- AA* *Gesammelte Schriften*, ed. Königlich Preussischen Akademie der Wissenschaften. Berlin, Leipzig: de Gruyter, 1922.
- A/B* *Kritik der reinen Vernunft*, ed. R. Schmidt. Hamburg: Felix Meiner Verlag, 1954.
- CJ* *Critique of Judgment*, trans. J. H. Bernard. New York: Hafner, 1968.
- CJr* *The Critique of Judgment*, trans. Werner Pluhar. Indianapolis: Hackett, 1987.
- CPrR* *Critique of Practical Reason*, trans. L. W. Beck. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill 1956.
- DV* *The Doctrine of Virtue*, trans. Mary J. Gregor. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1964.
- F* *Foundations of the Metaphysics of Morals*, trans. L. W. Beck. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, 1969.
- GW* *Grundlegung der Metaphysik der Moral*, Bd. IV of *AA*.
- KdV* *Kritik der praktischen Vernunft*, Bd. IV of *AA*.
- KU* *Kritik der Urteilskraft*, Bd. V of *AA*.
- MEJ* *Metaphysics of Morals: The Metaphysical Elements of Justice*, trans. John Ladd. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, 1965.
- P* *Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics*, trans. L. W. Beck. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, 1950.

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ABBREVIATIONS

- TP* “That May Be True in Theory but It Does Not Apply in Practice,” trans. H. B. Nisbet, in *Kant’s Political Writings*, ed. H. Reiss. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1970.
- TL* *Gundlegung zur Metaphysik der Moral: Tugendlehre*, Bd. IV of *AA*.

Hegel

- D* *Differenz des Fichte’schen und Schelling’schen Systems der Philosophie*, Bd. IV of *GeWe*.
- Diff* *The Difference Between Fichte’s and Schelling’s System of Philosophy*, trans. H. S. Harris and Walter Cerf. Albany: SUNY Press, 1977.
- FK* *Faith and Knowledge*, trans. W. Cerf and H. S. Harris. Albany: SUNY Press, 1977.
- GeWe* *Gesammelte Werke*, ed. by Rheinisch-Westfälischen Akademie der Wissenschaften. Hamburg: Felix Meiner Verlag, 1968.
- GPR2* Bd. VII of the *Jubiläumsausgabe in zwanzig Bände*, ed. H. Glockner. Stuttgart: Frommans Verlag, 1952.
- GuW* *Glauben und Wissen*, Bd. IV of *GeWe*.
- PhG* *Phänomenologie des Geistes*. Hamburg: Felix Meiner Verlag, 1952.
- PhS* *Hegel’s Phenomenology of Spirit*, trans. A. V. Miller. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1979.
- PR* *Grundlinien der Philosophie des Rechts*. Hamburg: Felix Meiner Verlag, 1955.
- PRE* *Elements of the Philosophy of Right*, ed. Allen W. Wood, trans. H. B. Nisbet. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991.
- PRE2* *Philosophy of Right*, trans. T. M. Knox. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1967.
- PRG* *Grundlinien der Philosophie des Rechts*. Berlin: Akademie Verlag, 1981.
- SL* *Hegel’s Science of Logic*, trans. A. V. Miller. London: George Allen & Unwin, 1969.
- VPRN* *Die Philosophie des Rechts: Die Vorlesung von 1819/20 in einer Nachschrift*, ed. Dieter Henrich. Frankfurt a. M.: Suhrkamp, 1983.
- VRP* *Vorlesungen über Rechtsphilosophie 1818–1831*, Bd. III, ed. Karl-Heinz Ilting. Stuttgart-Bad Canstatt: Frommann-Holzboog, 1974.
- WL* *Wissenschaft der Logik*. Hamburg: Felix Meiner Verlag, 1969.

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Nietzsche

- AD* *On the Advantage and Disadvantage of History for Life*, trans. Peter Preuss. Indianapolis: Hackett, 1980.
- ASZ* *Also sprach Zarathustra*, Bd. IV of *G*.
- BGE* *Beyond Good and Evil*, trans. W. Kaufmann. New York: Harper & Row, 1966.
- BT* *The Birth of Tragedy and the Genealogy of Morals*, trans. F. Golffing. New York: Doubleday, 1956.
- Da* *Daybreak*, trans. R. J. Hollingdale. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1982.
- EH* *Ecce Homo*, in *On the Genealogy of Morals and Ecce Homo*, trans. Walter Kaufman. New York: Random House, 1967.
- FW* *Die fröhliche Wissenschaft*, Bd. III of *G*.
- G* *Werke. Kritische Gesamtausgabe*, ed. G. Colli and M. Montinari. Berlin: de Gruyter, 1972.
- GD* *Götzen-Dämmerung*, Bd. VI of *G*.
- GS* *The Gay Science*, trans. Walter Kaufmann. New York: Vintage, 1974.
- GT* *Die Geburt der Tragödie*, Bd. I of *G*.
- HAH* *Human All Too Human*, trans. R. J. Hollingdale. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1986.
- JGB* *Jenseits von Gut und Böse*, Bd. V of *G*.
- M* *Morgenröte*, Bd. III of *G*.
- MAM* *Menschliches Allzumenschliches*, Bd. II of *G*.
- OGM* *On the Genealogy of Morals*, trans. Walter Kaufmann and R. J. Hollingdale. New York: Vintage, 1969.
- P* "The Philosopher: Reflections on the Struggle Between Art and Knowledge," pp. 3–58 in *PT*.
- PT* *Philosophy and Truth: Selections from Nietzsche's Notebooks of the Early 1870's*, ed. and trans. Daniel Breazeale. Atlantic Highlands, N.J.: Humanities Press, 1979.
- PW* *Ueber das Pathos der Wahrheit*, Bd. I of *G*.
- TI* *Twilight of the Idols*, trans. R. J. Hollingdale, Baltimore: Penguin, 1968.
- TSZ* *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, trans. Walter Kaufmann. New York: Viking, 1966.
- VNN* *Vom Nutzen und Nachtheil der Historie für das Leben*, Bd. I of *G*.
- WM* *Der Wille zur Macht*. Stuttgart: Alfred Kröner, 1964.

- WP *The Will to Power*, trans. Walter Kaufmann. New York: Vintage, 1967.
 ZGM *Zur Genealogie der Moral*, Bd. V of G.

Heidegger

- BT *Being and Time*, trans. John Macquarrie and Edward Robinson. New York: Harper & Row, 1962.
 N *Nietzsche*. Pfullingen: Neske, 1961.
 STE *Schelling's Treatise on the Essence of Human Freedom*, trans. Joan Staumbaugh. Athens: Ohio University Press, 1985.
 SZ *Sein und Zeit*. Tübingen: Max Niemeyer, 1972.

Leo Strauss

- Acc "A Giving of Accounts." *The College* 22 (1970).
 C "On Collingwood's Philosophy of History." *Review of Metaphysics* 5 (1952): 559–86.
 CCM "Correspondence Concerning Modernity," trans. Susanne Klein and George E. Tucker, *Independent Journal of Philosophy* 4 (1983): 105–19.
 CM *The City and Man*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1964.
 LAM *Liberalism Ancient and Modern*. New York: Basic Books, 1968.
 NRH *Natural Right and History*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1968.
 OCPP "On Classical Political Philosophy." In *WIPP*, pp. 78–94.
 OT *On Tyranny*, ed. Victor Gourevitch and Michael S. Roth. New York: Free Press, 1991.
 PAW *Persecution and the Art of Writing*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1980.
 RCR *The Rebirth of Classical Political Rationalism: An Introduction to the Thought of Leo Strauss*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1989.
 S *Spinoza's Critique of Religion*, trans. E. M. Sinclair. New York: Schocken Books, 1965.
 SPP *Studies in Platonic Political Philosophy*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1983.
 TM *Thoughts on Machiavelli*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1978.

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- TW* "The Three Waves of Modernity." In *An Introduction to Political Philosophy: Ten Essays by Leo Strauss*, ed. Hilail Gilden. Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1989, pp. 81–98.
- UP* "An Unspoken Prologue to a Public Lecture at St. John's." *The College* 30 (1979): 30–31.
- WIPP* *What Is Political Philosophy?* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1959.

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