



4th international summer school on Kant and German Idealism *Hegel and Hölderlin*

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Tübingen plays a crucial role in the development of German Idealism, since three of its main protagonists – Hegel, Schelling, Hölderlin – took up their philosophical and theological studies here in the 1780s. The Philosophy Department at the University of Tübingen has a long tradition of influential research in the philosophy of Kant and German Idealism. Building on this tradition, we are running a biannual series of international summer schools on Kant and German Idealism. By bringing together experts and students from all over the world, we aim to provide a space for dialogue between the German philosophical tradition of close textual work and the traditional Anglo-American focus on rigorous systematic argument.

In 2020, Tübingen is celebrating the 250th birthday of Hölderlin and Hegel. Accordingly, the focus of the summer school in this year is on their philosophical thought. We follow Hölderlin's intellectual trajectory and try to understand how it is in dialogue with Hegel's development. We also aim at highlighting some of the most important stages in the progress of Hegel's thought. The topics range from speculative and metaphysical reflection (beginning with the criticism of Fichte's model of the self) to conceptions of religion and the divine, poetological meta-comments and interpretations of what is tragic. We analyze how Hölderlin's approach to poetry is located in the context of German Idealism and why Hegel follows a different path – a path that does not assign the most fundamental role to poetry or art, but to philosophy grounded in speculative logic.

The summer school puts a major emphasis on in-depth reading and discussion. Combined with complementary lectures by invited speakers, extensive discussion sessions will allow participants to explore highly complex and often obscure philosophical texts in a joint effort, thereby opening up new perspectives on a central topic in Kantian and German idealist philosophy.

Confirmed speakers and discussants include: **Rolf-Peter Horstmann (HU Berlin), Stephen Houlgate (University of Warwick), Johann Kreuzer (Universität Oldenburg), Christian Martin (LMU/Universität Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), Julia Peters (Universität Tübingen), Ulrich Schlösser (Universität Tübingen), Violetta Waibel (Universität Wien).**

Applications are invited for up to *10 SUMMER SCHOOL GRANTS* for PhD students:

- Grant holders will attend the summer school, read assigned texts in advance, participate in discussions and attend lectures.
- Grants cover travel expenses (within Europe) and accommodation in Tuebingen for four nights.
- Applicants must be PhD students in philosophy working on topics related to the theme of the summer school. Postdocs are eligible to apply to attend the summer school but cannot receive a grant.
- PhD students travelling from outside Europe are welcome to apply, but their travel expenses can be covered only partially by the grant (the amount covered will be roughly equivalent to travel costs from within Europe).
- Applications should include the following documents: a CV; a statement of interest (max. two pages) outlining how the candidate's research interests connect with the theme of the summer school and how her/his attendance of the summer school would contribute to the progress of her/his research. Applications may be in German or English.
- Application deadline: 12th of April 2020.
- Applications should be submitted electronically to **stefan.lang[at]phil.uni-halle.de**
- Notification of acceptance will be given in the first days of May 2020.
For any queries concerning the grants or the application procedure, please contact **stefan.lang[at]phil.uni-halle.de**

Candidates who are interested in attending the summer school without applying for a summer school grant should follow the application procedure specified above and indicate in their application that they are not applying for a grant, but only to attend the summer school. **Since places are strictly limited, we will be able to admit only candidates who have been selected through the application procedure.**