

Workshop: “The Conflict of Mechanism and Teleology in Kant's *Critique of Judgment*”.

When: May 26-27, 2025; **Where:** University of Luxembourg, Institute of Philosophy

While Kant’s perspective on organic nature is original and rich, it is at the same time challenging in various respects. Of particular interest is the “Dialectic of Teleological Judgment” and its antinomy. Recent years have seen a controversial discussion about what exactly the antinomy is, what its resolution looks like, and what kind of ontological commitments it requires. At this workshop we aim at taking up this debate by not only exploring textual difficulties and possible solutions to these difficulties but also by examining the systematic place of the “Dialectic of Teleological Judgment” in Kant’s philosophy more broadly construed. **Topics** include but are not limited to:

- What exactly is the antinomy of the power of judgment?
- What is the resolution of the antinomy of the power of judgment?
- What are the ontological commitments of the “Dialectic of Teleological Judgment”?
- The systems of purposiveness of nature.
- Universal mechanism of matter.
- How is the purposiveness of nature related to transcendental idealism?
- Nature’s causality: *technica intentionalis* and *technica naturalis*.
- Idealism and realism of purposiveness.
- Kant and Spinoza in the “Dialectic of Teleological Judgment”.
- Human and intuitive understanding.

Speakers:

- Kristina Engelhard (Trier)
- Ido Geiger (Ben Gurion)
- Julian Grewe (Luxembourg)
- Karen Koch (Basel)
- Peter McLaughlin (Heidelberg)
- Marcel Quarfood (Umeå)
- Siegfried Roth (Cologne)
- Dietmar Heidemann (Luxembourg)
- Lorenzo Spagnesi (Trier)