

Call for Commentators

Liverpool-Oxford-St Andrews Kantian (LOSAK) Research Centre: Annual Lecture and Conference*

Thursday, 18 December 2025, 6-7.15pm: **LOSAK Annual Lecture**

Huaping Lu-Adler (Georgetown): ‘Unfreedom and Kant’s Political Philosophy’

Friday, 19 December 2025, 9am-5pm: **LOSAK Annual Conference**

‘Themes from the work of Huaping Lu-Adler’

Speakers: **Elisabeth Widmer** (LSE), **Howard Williams** (Cardiff), **Martin Sticker** (Bristol) and **Levi Haeck** (Ghent) with a reply from **Huaping Lu-Adler**.

The events are part of the Liverpool Kantian Festival [KantFest], which includes the Winter School of the European Consortium for Political Research Kantian Standing Group [ECPR-KSG] (‘Kantian Political Thought Today: Global Challenges’ – 15-17 December), the Workshop of the Contemporary Kantian Philosophy Project [CKPP] (‘Kant and AI: Metaphysical, Epistemic, Moral and Social Issues’ – 17-18 December) and the official launch of LOSAK (18 December). KantFest is financially supported by the University of Liverpool, ECPR-KSG, CKPP, LOSAK and the ERC-UKRI ‘Kantian Justice: A Responsibility-enhancing Desert-sensitive Theory’ [KantianDESERT] Advanced Grant.

All welcome!

Call for commentators: if you would like to act as commentator for the papers given by Elisabeth Widmer, Howard Williams, Martin Sticker or Levi Haeck Gormez, please send an expression of interest (maximum 200 words) to: erc.kantiandesert.ukri@liverpool.ac.uk by **31 August 2025**. Costs for travel and accommodation will be covered by KantFest. **NB:** As the Annual Conference is preceded by the Workshop of the CKPP, please specify whether in principle you would be able and willing to also give a paper to the Workshop.

* The Liverpool-Oxford-St Andrews Kantian (LOSAK) Research Centre (Director: Sorin Baiasu) is rooted in Liverpool University’s tradition of excellence in philosophical research and in its Philosophy Department’s continuous engagement with Kantian thought. LOSAK is designed to promote and support interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary work in the area of Kantian studies, broadly understood to include not only research on Kant’s works, but also studies of his predecessors and successors, including critical, exegetical, reconstructive and applied investigations whether historical or systematic in character.

The LOSAK Annual Lecture and Conference celebrate Liverpool Philosophy Department’s continuous engagement with Kantian philosophy, which stretches all the way back to the

University's inception in 1881. From John MacCunn, the very first person appointed to Liverpool's Chair of Philosophy, through many other Liverpool philosophers, including John Handyside, Pamela Huby, Mark Sacks and Gillian Howie, and up to the present day, academics at Liverpool have discussed, translated, examined, and taught Kant's philosophy for generations of students and members of the public. (A detailed history of the Kantian tradition at Liverpool is under way by Tom Bunyard, Tom Whyman and Sorin Baiasu.)