

**The Contemporary Kantian Philosophy Project**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop**  
**“Kant and AI: Metaphysical, Epistemic, Moral, and Sociopolitical Issues”**  
**University of Liverpool, Liverpool UK**  
**17-18 December 2025**  
**CALL FOR PAPERS**

The Contemporary Kantian Philosophy Project (CKPP) is pleased to announce its eighth annual workshop, which will take place on 17-18 December 2025 at the University of Liverpool, Liverpool UK, and will be jointly organized with the Liverpool-Oxford-St Andrews Kantian (LOSAK) Research Centre, the ERC/UKRI ‘KantianDESERT’ Advanced Grant and the Kantian Standing Group of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR-KSG).

The topic of the workshop is “Kant and AI: Metaphysical, Epistemic, Moral, and Sociopolitical Issues.” Papers are welcomed on any aspect of how Kant’s Critical philosophy, or how Kantian philosophy more generally, whether theoretical philosophy or practical philosophy, bears on the concept, theory, and fact of digital technology, especially including artificial intelligence (AI) and “the strong AI thesis,” which says that it’s possible to build and implement digital technology, e.g., robots, that equals or surpasses the achievements of rational human animals.

The CKPP workshop will include 30-minute papers by ten speakers, including Levi Haeck (Ghent), Robert Hanna (Independent), Martin Sticker (Bristol), Elisabeth Widmer (LSE), Howard Williams (Cardiff), and one other speaker TBA.

Therefore, this Call for Papers is to fill the four remaining speaker slots.

The workshop is jointly sponsored by CKPP, LOSAK and ECPR-KSG. The workshop will take place as part of the Liverpool Kantian Festival, which includes the ECPR-KSG’s Winter School (15-17 December), the official launch of the LOSAK Research Centre, and the LOSAK Annual Lecture and Conference (18-19 December).

The topic of the Winter School is “Kantian Political Thought Today: Global Challenges.” It explores the relevance of Kantian political thought in addressing pressing global challenges of our time, such as environment and climate change, world poverty, human rights, toleration, pandemic, AI and migration, among others. Speakers selected for the CKPP workshop WILL ALSO BE EXPECTED TO LEAD A SESSION for the Winter School (although there is no obligation to be present for the entire duration of the Winter School). The LOSAK Annual

Lecture (18 December) will be given by Huaping Lu Adler (Georgetown) and the Conference (19 December) will focus on themes from her work.

Professor Sorin Baiasu (Univ. of Liverpool) will be the local CKPP workshop coordinator.

**WORKSHOP AND SUBMISSION DETAILS:** The workshop will take place over two days, Wednesday and Thursday, 17-18 December 2025.

For every session, each talk will be roughly 30 minutes in length, presented consecutively, followed by 30 minutes for Q-&-A. The workshop will be in-person only.

Selected in-person presenters will be provided with three nights' accommodation on the University of Liverpool campus, as well as their meals, but must arrange for their own travel to and from the workshop and/or accommodation for any additional nights. Part of the travel costs will be refunded, but the amount is not known at the moment.

It's expected that at least some of the presented papers will also be published in the next issue of CKPP's journal, *Contemporary Studies in Kantian Philosophy* (CSKP), i.e., CSKP 10 (2026).

Those interested in presenting at the workshop should submit a title and short abstract (250 words) of their paper to Sorin Baiasu ([erc.kantiandesert.ukri@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:erc.kantiandesert.ukri@liverpool.ac.uk)) by 14 SEPTEMBER 2025; those who have submitted abstracts will be informed about selection decisions by 21 SEPTEMBER 2025.

Moreover, EARLIER SUBMISSIONS WILL ALSO BE REVIEWED ON A ROLLING BASIS, with a selection decision made WITHIN TWO WEEKS of the receipt of each early submission.

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