

UKKS Annual Conference 2025 (Sheffield): 'The Keystone of Critical Philosophy: Kant's Theory of Freedom' (01.–02. September 2025)

Keynote Speakers:

Prof. Laura Papish (George Washington University)

Prof. Christopher Insole (University of Durham)

Programme:

1st Sept.

09:00-09:30 - Registration and welcome

09:30-09:40 - Opening Remarks

09:40-10:55 - **Laura Papish** (George Washington University) - An Indigenous American Critique of Kantian Civil Freedom

10:55-11:15 - Coffee break

11:15-12:00 - **Ying Xue** (University of Warwick) - The relationship between freedom and ontology in Kant and its reception in German Idealism

12:00-12:45 - **John Walsh** (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg) - Kant on Knowledge of Freedom

12:45-13:45 - Lunch

13:45-14:30 - **Vinicius Carvalho** (University of Groningen) - Kant's Argument for the Innate Right to Freedom

14:30-15:15 - **Jens Pier** (Royal Holloway, University of London) - The Abyss of Rational Faith: Kant's Moral Glaube as a Problem of Intelligibility

15:15-15:30 - Coffee break

15:30-16:15 - **Amy Duong** (University of St Andrews) - The Confident Realisation of Freedom and Virtue

16:15-17:00 - **Kutlu Tuncel** (Bilkent University) - The Third Antinomy Reconsidered: Transcendental Illusion, Deflationary Reading, and Grounding

17:00-17:30 - AGM

2nd Sept.

09:00-09:30 - Registration and welcome

09:30-10:45 - **Christopher Insole** (University of Durham) - Kant on Freedom and God: Religion Beyond the Limits of Mere Christianity'

10:45-11:00 - Coffee break

11:00-11:45 - **Kristi Sweet** (Texas A&M) - Revolution and the Weight of the World: A Kantian Justification for Moral Enthusiasm

11:45-12:30 - **Tijn Smits** (Amsterdam) - Freedom's Unique Form of Practical Cognition

12:30-13:30 - Lunch

13:30-14:15 - **Elisabeth Widmer** (LSE) - Kant on Republicanism, Economically Stratified

14:15-15:00 - **Lorenzo Sala** (Università degli studi di Milano) - What Epistemic Access to Freedom? Reassessing Kant in Light of His Historical Context

15:00-15:15 - Coffee break

15:15-16:00 - **TJ Bailey** (University of Glasgow) - When (and why) are we externally free?

16:00-16:45 - **Noa Buckle** (University of Toronto) - Kant's Purely Practical Concept of Freedom

17:00-17:30 - Roundtable and final remarks