

THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY PRESENTS...

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"Kant on the Rationality of Morality"

Kant did not attempt to derive the fundamental principle and object of morality from a conception of pure practical reason, let alone from some conception of practical reason contemporary to us, but from his conception of pure reason as such. This is defined above all by the principles of non-contradiction and sufficient reason. My larger project is to interpret Kant's moral philosophy as a whole on this basis; in this talk I will argue that Kant's requirement that we avoid contradiction in the generalization of our maxims is grounded on a more fundamental requirement that we avoid contradicting the (in his view) undeniable fact that all human beings have wills of their own.

Where: 55 Humanities Instructional Building (Seminar Room)

When: January 18, 2019

Time: 3:00-5:00PM

Professor Guyer's field of interests:

- Kant
- Ethics
- Meta-ethics
- History of philosophy