The Antinomy of Teleological Judgment (Immanuel Kant. Critique of the Power of Judgment §§ 69–78) Colloquium

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Monday May 2nd – Tuesday May 3rd, 2011
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The antinomy of teleological judgment (§§ 69–78) is one of the most controversial passages of Immanuel Kant’s Critique of the Power of Judgment. Having developed the idea of a twofold explanation of organisms in §§ 61–68, Kant raises the question whether mechanical and teleological laws of organic nature might pose an antinomy of conflicting principles within the power of judgment. However, what exactly would this conflict be about: Is it an antinomy between regulative or constitutive maxims of the power of judgment? And how precisely is the antinomy to be resolved?

Kant seems to indicate at least three solutions of the antinomy: first, the idea of a divine designer (§§ 74–75), second, the idea of an intuitive understanding (§§ 76–77), and third, the idea of a supernatural ground of nature (§ 78). What are the advantages and disadvantages of these solutions? And why is it necessary to guarantee a unification of both types of laws of organic nature at all? Does the antinomy of teleological judgment rather resemble the antinomy of theoretical reason in Kant’s first Critique, or the antinomy of practical reason in Kant’s second Critique?

The colloquium will be followed by a paper presentation on Kant’s Theory of Biology and the Argument from Design on Thursday May 5th, 2011.

All welcome!

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Program

Monday May 2nd, 2011: 2–6 pm
2.00 pm §§ 69–71 What is the Antinomy of Teleological Judgment?
3.45 pm coffee break
4.15 pm §§ 72–73 Dogmatic Conceptions of Teleology
The colloquium takes place at the Dipartimento di Filosofia, Via Festa del Perdono 7, Sala Riunioni Direzione.

Tuesday May 3rd, 2011: 2–6 pm
2.00 pm §§ 74–75 First Solution: The Divine Designer
3.00 pm coffee break
3.15 pm §§ 76–77 Second Solution: The Intuitive Understanding
4.45 pm coffee break
5.00 pm § 78 Third Solution: The Supersensible Ground of Nature
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Thursday May 5th, 2011: 2.30–4.30 pm
2.30 pm Kant’s Theory of Biology and the Argument from Design
A talk by Ina Goy followed by an informal discussion, presented at the Università degli Studi di Milano, Via Festa del Perdono 7, aula 102.
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Further Readings