

第29回 応用倫理・応用哲学研究会

# CAEP seminar on Kantian ethics

15:00-15:45

**Hayate Shimizu** (Hokkaido University)

**Reason as Master, Emotion as Slave?**

—What Kantian Virtues Demand

Kant argues that human beings, who are both rational and sensible, are bound to have feelings and inclinations that are in conflict with Moral Law. Therefore, reason must always 'hold the reins of government in its own hands'. Kant's theory of virtue, which he defines as 'the strength of the will', may then seem to assume that emotions should always be slaves that need to be governed and subordinated. However, Kant also emphasises that emotion can serve as a means for promoting the performance of duty based on reason (e.g. empathy) and that the virtuous agent with a secure attitude towards emotions has a cheerful heart. In this paper, I aim to explore how the virtuous agent, in the Kantian sense, is characterised in terms of the relationship between reason as master and emotion as slave, showing that Kant's theory of virtue is not simply a model for the suppression of emotion by reason.

lecture

16:00-17:30

**Samuel Kahn** (Indiana University and Purdue University)

## Obligatory Actions, Obligatory Maxims

In this paper, I confront Parfit's Mixed Maxims Objection. I argue that recent attempts to respond to this objection fail, and I argue that their failure is compounded by the failure of recent attempts to show how the Formula of Universal Law can be used to demarcate the category of obligatory maxims. I then set out my own response to the objection, drawing on remarks from Kant's *Metaphysics of Morals* for inspiration and developing a novel account of how the Formula of Universal Law can be employed to determine the deontic status of action tokens, action types, and maxims.

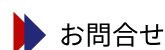
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