The Institute for the History of Philosophy (IHP) will host its 8th annual summer workshop on June 5–17, 2016, on the topic of “Kant’s Political Thought.” IHP Summer Workshops are designed to bring together a group of faculty scholars specializing in specific areas of the history of philosophy for seminars focused around a shared reading list. Ten participants and the co-directors meet in mornings and afternoons over the course of two four-day weeks for discussions based upon close readings. The workshop format eschews the delivery of conference-style papers in favor of open, group-based engagement. In so doing, the IHP seeks to foster conversations that will inform future scholarly work. The IHP’s past workshops have focused on figures and themes such as: Aristotle on the Emotions; Renewing the Ancient Quarrel: Plato, Hegel, Adorno; Peirce, James, and the Origins of Pragmatism; Vico and the Humanist Tradition; Montaigne and the Origins of Modernity; Nietzsche and Heidegger on the Issue of History; and Religion and Philosophy in Neoplatonism.

This year’s meeting will consider Kant’s political thought in relation to its contemporary implications and legacy. We will attempt to tease out the relationship between Kant’s political philosophy and his writings on history, geography, and anthropology. A few texts by other authors will also supplement our discussions.

The Institute is pleased to provide room, board, and travel expenses for all participants accepted into the workshop. Guests will be housed in The New Marriott Courtyard Decatur, in downtown Decatur, Georgia, a couple of miles from Emory’s campus. Decatur is a vibrant town with several restaurants and bars, all within walking distance from the hotel. The hotel is also close to a MARTA stop, Atlanta’s public train service. Participants will thus have access to other parts of Atlanta, including the airport. All hotel/campus transportation will be provided.

To apply, scholars should send a cover letter that addresses the relevance of the topic to their current and/or future scholarly work, and a CV to Professor Huseyinzadegan at the address below (preferably by e-mail). The application deadline is February 1, 2016 with decisions announced by February 22, 2016.

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