

Phil 114, Fourth Paper Topic

Due: Monday, April 30 by 10:10AM. Please note the change from the syllabus due date.

Maximum Length: **Four** double-spaced pages, 12-point font, one-inch margins

Write on **one**, but **only one**, of the following two topics:

1. What, for Kant, are the defects of the state of nature (among individuals)? What implications do those defects have for our attitudes and/or actions with regard to leaving the state of nature? Contrast Kant's view on these questions with the comparable views of **one** of Hobbes, Locke, or Rousseau. How might Hobbes, Locke, or Rousseau (whichever one you chose) object to Kant's view?
2. How, for Kant, is the social contract to be understood? What implications does the social contract, so understood, have for our attitudes and/or actions with regard to the state? Contrast his view on these questions with the comparable views of **one** of Hobbes, Locke, or Rousseau. How might Hobbes, Locke, or Rousseau (whichever one you chose) object to Kant's view?