

PIP88062— Post-Kantian Philosophy

Module Information	
Module Code	PIP88062
Module Title	The Cogito Argument Revisited
Department	Philosophy
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Academic Year	2026–27
Credit Weighting	10 credits
Semester	Semester 2
Contact Hours	2 x 1-hour lectures per week

Module Content	
Module Description	<i>Descartes cogito argument famously asserts: I think (therefore) I exist.</i> The aim of this course is to assess the validity and significance of this claim by at how Kant and Husserl come to reevaluate the argument.
Module Learning Aims	
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module, students will be able to: • Explain the philosophical significance of Descartes' cogito argument within the context of early modern philosophy. • Analyse Descartes' arguments concerning doubt, self-consciousness, and the foundations of knowledge. • Compare and evaluate Kant and Husserl's responses to Descartes' cogito argument
Indicative Reading / Resources	Descartes: Meditation – especially Mediation I&II Immanuel Kant Critique of Pure Reason trans. by Kemp Smith. In particular, Transcendental Aesthetic, Part I (A19–23 / B33–36)

Assessment	
Assessment Components	1 essay
Assessment Details	1 essay 100%

Co-requisites	None
Any other information	It is expected that students have some familiarity with Kant's Critique of Pure Reason In this module, the use of Generative AI is prohibited in any form for the planning, preparation, and production of either your coursework essay(s), or exam question(s). This includes the use of Generative AI for brainstorming, research/learning assistance, writing assistance, or the inclusion of material/content generated directly or indirectly by such AI. You will be asked to declare in a coversheet that you have not used AI for these or any other purposes related to the production of your coursework essay(s) at the time of submission