

PIU44094 — Post-Kantian Philosophy

Module Information	
Module Code	PIU44094
Module Title	Post-Kantian Philosophy: The Cogito Argument Revisited
Department	Philosophy
Year Group	Senior Sophister
Module Personnel	Dr Lilian Alweiss
Academic Year	2026–27
Credit Weighting	5 ECTS
Semester	2
Contact Hours	2 lectures per week

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Module Description	Descartes cogito argument famously asserts the following: I think (therefore) I exist. 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.
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. Transcendental Aesthetic, Part I (A19–23 / B33–36)

Assessment	
Assessment Components	Essay and Exam.
Assessment Details	Essay worth 30% and a 1.5-hour Exam worth 70%.

Additional Information	
Prerequisites	None.
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.
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