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Kant on Humanity, Diversity and Human Value

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Commentators have long been perturbed by the apparent 'disconnect' between Kant's formal universalism and the centrality of the idea of a noumenal self as a locus of moral agency and his applied moral and political theory. The paper argues first, that such disconnection was standard in early modern legal writing and need raise no alarm bells regarding hypocrisy. Second, however, Kant's unique social teleology had a special place for inferior others, and third, his theory of punishment sought to legitimate absolute deprivation for the criminal. As Enlightenment philosopher, Kant does not score highly on social issues in comparison with notable French and German contemporaries.



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