

The Inescapability of What? Kant's New Take on Constitutivism

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It is disputed whether Kant's approach to moral philosophy and metanormative theory in general can be characterised as a form of constitutivism. To shed light on the issue, I contrast Kant's view on the foundations of morality with other eighteenth-century views that can be construed as early variants of constitutivism, that is, Reid's and Butler's. Drawing on the contrast with those accounts, I shall suggest that Kant's view is not to be interpreted in terms of Agency Constitutivism nor as Reason Constitutivism, but can nevertheless be properly understood as a version of constitutivism. His strategy revolves around a different Inescapability argument, which grounds on the practice of moral judgment.