

GONÇAL MAYOS: WHO JUDGES THE JUDGE?

The author links the paradox «who guards the guards?» with the question, central in Kant, of the court of reason which cannot be above reason itself. There are similar problems in Fichte's absolute ethical autonomy, in Hobbes and Rousseau's theory of sovereignty, in dogmatic rationalism and absolute idealism. Kant avoids these problems by thinking of philosophy as a process of rational and universal judgement which has significant analogies with Montesquieu's theory of separation of powers.