

Kant's Democratic Peace

Section I: The Preliminary Articles

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1. No Treaty of Peace Shall Be Held Valid in Which There Is Tacitly Reserved Matter for a Future War
2. No Independent States, Large or Small, Shall Come under the Dominion of Another State by Inheritance, Exchange, Purchase, or Donation
3. Standing Armies Shall in Time Be Totally Abolished
4. National Debts Shall Not Be Contracted with a View to the External Friction of States
5. No State Shall by Force Interfere with the Constitution or Government of Another State
6. No State Shall, during War, Permit Such Acts of Hostility Which Would Make Mutual Confidence in the Subsequent Peace Impossible: Such Are the Employment of Assassins, Poisoners, Breach of Capitulation, and Incitement to Treason in the Opposing State

Section II: The Definitive Articles

As progress is made on the preliminary articles and the impediments to peace removed, Kant proposes three definitive articles that will lead ultimately to peace. The three definitive articles address:

- (1) The constitution conforming to the civil law of men in a nation.
- (2) The constitution conforming to the law of nations in their relation to one another.
- (3) The constitution conforming to the law of world citizenship, so far as men and states are considered as citizens of a universal state of men, in their external mutual relationships.

Section II: Definitive Articles

1. The Civil Constitution of Every State Should Be Republican
2. The Law of Nations Shall be Founded on a Federation of Free States
3. The Law of World Citizenship Shall Be Limited to Conditions of Universal Hospitality