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WORLD HERITAGE – WHO INHERITS WHAT FROM WHOM: A PHILOSOPHICAL APPROACH

According to Immanuel Kant we human beings are “citizens of two worlds”: the material world and the intelligible world. As such we belong to both nature and culture. To put it differently: we are the animals who transform nature into culture. The notion of heritage implies additionally a temporal and historical aspect: human beings inherit both their natural and cultural history.

This paper will discuss the question: What kind of – moral and/or legal – obligations are connected with this inheritance?