



Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Essay

By Immanuel Kant

Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. In this essay, Kant proposed a peace program to be implemented by governments. The Preliminary Articles described these steps that should be taken immediately, or with all deliberate speed: No secret treaty of peace shall be held valid in which there is tacitly reserved matter for a future war. No independent states, large or small, shall come under the dominion of another state by inheritance, exchange, purchase, or donation. Standing armies shall in time be totally abolished. National debts shall not be contracted with a view to the external friction of states. No state shall by force interfere with the constitution or government of another state. 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 (percussores), poisoners (venefici), breach of capitulation, and incitement to treason (perduellio) in the opposing state. Three Definitive Articles would provide not merely a cessation of hostilities, but a foundation on which to build a peace. The civil constitution of every state should be republican. The law...



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