The contribution of political theory to the analysis of cosmopolitanism

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This research focuses on the contributions of modern political thought to the theoretical field of

cosmopolitanism; it is grounded in some of the field's most important authors, such as

Immanuel Kant and Jurgen Habermas. At the present time, one of the main challenges faced by

international relations is how to tackle - normatively and institutionally - the numerous issues

that arise due to the intensification of the globalization process, particularly in the development

of governance, international organizations and regional supranational political, economic and

juridical structures. On the other hand, the emergence of transnational social movements and

networks, which point towards new possibilities and configurations for a global civil society or

for a world public sphere, also deserve an in-depth analysis from the normative point of view.

In this context, the reconstruction of the works of Kant and Habermas constitutes the area of

study to which this research will give priority.

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