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FROM THE CHAIR

With this message I am delighted to re-introduce the CSPT Newsletter to members and friends of the Conference in its new, electronic form.

As many of you know, CSPT introduced a new website last year, which can be found at: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/polisci/cspt>. If you have not visited the website before, please do take a moment to do so in the near future. You will find a wealth of information about the Conference, including many of the papers from our most recent Annual International Conferences. (Papers are available to members who have paid dues for the year, who will be given a password for access to the members-only areas of the site.) This new edition of the Newsletter is intended to complement the website.

The 2003 Annual International Conference was held January 9–11, 2004 (postponed slightly because of scheduling conflicts) at Tulane University in New Orleans. The conference marked the centennial of the founding of the American Political Science Association, also in New Orleans. The conference theme was “Sciences of Politics.” You will find details of the conference in this Newsletter, and most of the papers themselves are available to CSPT members on the CSPT website. We owe thanks especially to Martyn Thompson, the principal organizer of this conference, for a splendid event.

The 2004 Annual International Conference was held April 23–25 at the University of Chicago. Organized by Iris Young and Jacob Levy, the theme of this conference was “Colonialism and Its Legacies.” Details are given below and most of the papers for this conference are also available on the CSPT website. Many thanks are due to Iris and Jacob for the wealth of work they

put into this conference and for its outstanding intellectual quality.

The 2005 Annual International Conference will be held April 8–10 at Columbia University (announcement immediately below). Please mark your calendar now for this event.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank Frank Lovett, who is currently a postdoctoral research fellow at the National Institutes of Health, for designing, editing, and disseminating this revised edition of the CSPT Newsletter. I would also like to thank Fin Keegan for designing the CSPT website.

Please do keep us informed about your activities by writing to Frank Lovett.

— *David Johnston, Chair*

UPCOMING CONFERENCE

“CONFERENCE ON THE STATE”

April 8–10, 2005

The Annual International Meeting of the Conference for the Study of Political Thought for 2005 will be held at Columbia University, April 8–10, 2005. The theme of this conference, which is being co-organized by David Johnston (Political Science, Columbia) and David Armitage (History, Harvard) will be the state and, more specifically, state centrism. The conference will bring together specialists from several fields to ask whether (or not) the state has been too central to inquiries in the human and social sciences and, if it has, how it came to be so and what consequences that centrality has had. David Johnston and David Armitage are in the midst of assembling an exceptionally distinguished and interesting group of scholars to address this question from a variety of angles. We will be sending more complete information, including

the preliminary conference program and other details, during the fall semester.

PAST CONFERENCES

SCIENCES OF POLITICS
Annual International Conference, 2003
Tulane University, New Orleans

Friday, January 9, 2004

9:30 am. Welcome. Dr. Lester Lefton (Provost), Richard F. Teichgraeber, and Martyn P. Thompson.

10:00–12:00 noon. Session 1. The Politics of Aristotelian and Anti-Aristotelian Sciences of Politics, from Marsilius of Padua to Thomas Hobbes. Papers:

- Cary J. Nederman, “Commerce and Community: Political Science Meets the Marketplace in the Thought of Marsiglio of Padua”
- Michael Philipp, “The ‘Politica’ of 17th Century Germany as Reflected in the ‘dissertationes politicae’. Some Aspects of the Older Tradition in Academic Political Science”
- Michael Stolleis, “The ‘respublica mixta’ in the 17th Century: on the Reception of the Ideal of a Mixed Constitution in Germany”

1:30–3:30 pm. Session 2. The Politics of Political Economy and the *Staatswissenschaften* in the 17th and 18th Centuries. Papers:

- James Moore, “Natural Rights and Socinianism: Theological Foundations of a Science of Morals and Politics from the Age of Grotius to the Friends, in England, of the Revolution in France”
- J.G.A. Pocock, “The Politics of Civil History: Crooked Timber and Enlightened Historiography”

4:00–6:00 pm. Session 3. The Politics of the 19th Century Social Sciences. Papers:

- J. Christian Laursen, “Law, Religion and Rights in Early Modern Political Theory: Cases from Germany”
- Cheryl Welch, “Social Science in Nineteenth-Century France: From Political Economy to Positivism”

- Alan Ryan, “J.S. Mill versus Violent Toryism of the Old School”

Saturday, January 10, 2004

9:00–10:45 am. Session 4. The Politics of American Political Science. Papers:

- Dorothy Ross, “Slavery, Race, and Nationalism in Nineteenth Century American Political Science”
- Richard F. Teichgraeber, “Race and Academic Culture in 1903: The ‘Twin Conventions’ in New Orleans and the Case of Professor bASSet.”

11:15–1:00 pm. Session 5. The Politics of American Political Science (continued). Papers:

- Nancy Maveety, “The Vagaries of the Founding Field of the Discipline of Political Science”
- Andrew Arato, “Discourses of Institutional and Constitutional Design in Political Science and Legal Theory”

2:30–4:30 pm. Session 6. The Reception of American Political Science in Europe and Asia. Papers:

- Michael Brintnall, “What are National Political Sciences and How do Ideas Diffuse Among Them? American Political Science and its Reception Elsewhere”
- Tim Fuller, “Oakeshott's Critique of Political Science”

Sunday, January 11, 2004

9:00–10:45 am. Session 7. The Reception of American Political Science in Europe and Asia (continued). Papers:

- Wilhelm Bleek, “Political Science in Modern Germany: An American Offspring?”
- Percy Lehning, “Political Science in the Netherlands”
- Ron King, “American Political Science in Post-Communist Europe: the Case of Romania”

11:00–12:45 pm. Session 8. The Reception of American Political Science in Europe and Asia (continued). Papers:

- Reiji Matsumoto, “Progressivism in Japan? American Influence on Postwar Japanese Political Science”
- Atsushi Sugita, “Cross-purposes: How Japanese Political Science Encountered its American Counterpart”
- Pratap Mehta, TBA.

1:00 pm. Closing Remarks.

COLONIALISM AND ITS LEGACIES
Annual International Conference, 2004
University of Chicago, Chicago

Friday, April 23, 2004

1:30–1:45. Welcome. Iris Young.

1:45–3:30 pm. Session 1. Anglo-America. Papers:

- Vicki Hsueh, “Under Negotiation: Colonial Treaties, Cultural Accommodations, and Post-Colonial Identities”
- David Armitage, “Locke’s Americana”

4:00–5:45 pm. Session 2. Latin America. Papers:

- Ofelia Schutte, “Resistance to Colonialism: Latin American Legacies”
- Paget Henry, “The Creolization of Caribbean Philosophy: A Peculiar Colonial Legacy”

Saturday, April 24, 2004

9:30–11:15 am. Session 3. Commerce, Empire, and Modernity. Papers:

- Sankar Muthu, “Enlightenment International Jurists and Global Commerce: Crossing Borders in an Age of Enlightenment”
- Enrique Dussel, “Empires, Modernity, Capitalism, and Coloniality”

11:30–1:15 pm. Session 4. After Colonialism? Papers:

- Pratap Mehta, “On the Impossibility of De-Colonization”
- James Tully, “The Persistence of Empire”

2:30–4:15 pm. Session 5. Liberalism, Enlightenment, Colonialism. Papers:

- Jennifer Pitts, “Progress and Empire: Enlightened Histories, ‘backwardness,’ and Colonial Rule”
- Barbara Arneil, “Reasonable Norms: The Liberal Legacy of Internal Cultural Colonization”
- Uday Mehta, “The Space of Empire and the Territory of Nations”

4:30–6:15 pm. Session 6. Questioning Modernization. Papers:

- Roxanne Euben, “Through a Colonial Lens: Religion and Science, Islam and the West”
- Jesse Souza, “The Social Construction of Under-Citizenship”

Sunday, April 25, 2004

9:30–11:15 am. Session 7. Actors and History. Papers:

- Dipesh Chakrabarty, “The Revolutionary Subject that was not the Proletariat: From Gramsci, Mao to Subaltern Studies”
- Emmanuel Eze, “The Language of History”

11:30–1:15 pm. Session 8. After Colonialism (continued). Papers:

- Taiiake Alfred, “Wasasé: Indigenous Resurgences”
- Bhikhu Parekh, “Indian Conceptualisation of the Colonial Experience”

1:30 pm. Closing Remarks. Jacob Levy

CHAPTER NEWS

CANADA

Toronto

Our activities for the past year included talks by Rebecca Kingston in September on Late 18th century French republican ideas of civic education, with Tom Pangle commenting.

In October, Mark Warren spoke on Democratic Theory and Participation with Les Jacobs commenting. In November, David Fott talked about Cicero and Natural Law with Brad Inwood commenting.

In December, Daniel A Bell asked “Is Republicanism Appropriate for the Modern World?” with Ronnie Beiner commenting. In January, John McCormick presented Machiavelian Popular Government: Democratic not Republican with Lakis Konto as commentator.

In February, Wendy Brown spoke on Moralism as Anti-Politics with Jenny Nedelsky commenting. In March, Bonnie Honig presented “Genres of Democracy: Romantic Versus Gothic Approaches to Democratic Thought” with Leah Bradshaw commenting.

In May, Bill Scheuermann presented a deliberate analysis of speed theory’s condensation of space and time.

— *Edward Andrew, Toronto*

EUROPE

Western Britain

Dario Castiglione chaired a EURESCO Conference on “Social Capital: Interdisciplinary Perspective” (Exeter, September 2001).

Castiglione chaired an international Workshop at the IISL, Onati (Spain, June 2002) on “The Public Discourse on Law and Politics in Multilingual Societies” He gave one of the plenary papers at the 28th Hume Conference (Victoria, BC, July 2001) on “Hume’s philosophical passion.”

Nathan Widder gave a paper to the Society of European Philosophy (Manchester MET, September 2001) on “Deleuze and the Univocity of Being.”

— *Dairo Castiglione, Exeter*

UNITED STATES

Cactus Chapter

After a one-year hiatus, the Cactus Chapter, comprising the political theorists at Arizona State University (Tempe) and the University of Arizona (Tucson), will hold their annual political theory mini-conference in Tucson on April 13. One graduate student and one faculty member from each university will present a paper.

Douglas Long, University of Western Ontario, presented two papers at ASU, January 29 and 31: “Mill and Coleridge on the Imagination”

and “‘A Host of Scotch Sophists’: Jeremy Bentham and the Scottish Enlightenment.”

Terence Ball (ASU) was named the first Public Ethics Scholar of the Lincoln Center for Applied Ethics at Arizona State University, in which capacity he gave the inaugural lecture, “Duties Beyond Borders: The Expanding Ethical Universe,” in the Center’s series of Public Scholar Lectures – just published as Occasional Paper #1 by the Lincoln Center. He also presented a paper at a conference on the theme “Must Political Theory Be Historical?” at Texas A & M University, March 2, 2002, and delivered the keynote address at the ECPR-sponsored conference on Rhetoric and Conceptual Change, Tampere, Finland, June 27–29, 2001.

Richard Dagger (ASU) presented “Republicanism and the Politics of Place” at the Conference on Civic Virtue and Pluralism, Tilburg University (Catholic University of Brabant), Tilburg, The Netherlands, November 23, 2001. The papers from the conference were published as a special issue of *Philosophical Explorations* (vol. 4, no. 3, 2001).

Avital Simhony (ASU) and her co-editor, David Weinstein of Wake Forest, organized a panel for the American Political Science Association meeting in San Francisco to coincide with the publication of their book, *The New Liberalism* (Cambridge University Press, 2001). The theme of the book is that the political thinking of such “new liberals” as T. H. Green, L. T. Hobhouse, and J. A. Hobson demonstrates that liberalism is not as irreparably individualist as its communitarian critics hold. Professor Simhony has also joined the editorial board of a new series of monographs on T. H. Green. Imprint Academic, which publishes *History of Political Thought*, is including the Green series as part of a larger series of monographs on the British Idealists.

— *Richard Dagger, Arizona State*

Indian Territory

For almost 10 years, the University of Tulsa and the University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy, have had an exchange of professors.

In 2003, the participants were Jay Geller from our history department and Viorel Vizureanu. In Bucharest, Geller gave two talks: “200 Years of German Liberalism, or the Travails of Liberalism in an Illiberal Land” and “German Politics, Reparations, and the Legacy of the Holocaust.” While the first talk was geared towards scholars of philosophy, the second talk had a wider audience. Geller spoke of the difficulties a society faces when making the transition from a totalitarian regime to a democratic one, particularly when large segments of society have not come to terms with the past or remain latent supporters of the discredited regime.

The Tulsa visitor to Bucharest for this spring was Paul Rahe, also from our history department. He gave two public lectures at the Faculty of Philosophy, “Montesquieu’s Discovery of the Modern Republic” and “Montesquieu’s Critique of the Modern Republic.”

Viorel Vizureanu was the Romanian visitor in 2003, combining his trip with a tour of the United States, including stops in Dallas, Chicago, and New York. At the University of Tulsa, he engaged in research in the library and gave two public talks. The first lecture, “The Forms of Forgetfulness of Being in Heidegger’s Work,” drew a largely faculty audience who then had a lively conversation on Heidegger with Vizureanu. The second lecture, “Nietzsche and the Philosophical Significance of Early German Romanticism,” drew over 40 members of the academic and general public, who listened to the Romanian scholar trace the parallels between Nietzschean thought and German Romanticism.

The main theory event in Indian Territory this year was a three day visit in April by Michael Walzer, Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton. His first talk, “Humanitarian Intervention,” was given at a faculty and student luncheon at the law school. That evening he gave a public lecture sponsored by the political science department, “What’s Wrong with Terrorism?”

The following evening he gave another public lecture, this time as part of an endowed lectureship in the religion department, “What It

Means to be an American Jew.” Each of these presentations was followed by questions and discussion.

— *Eldon J. Eisenach, Tulsa*

Lone Star

Chapter Nineteen of us met at Ed Portis’s home in College Station for dinner and discussion on March 1st. Seven Texas universities were represented (Texas A&M, Baylor, Sam Houston State, UT-Dallas, UT-San Antonio, UT-Austin, and U-North Texas), with representatives of five others (SF Austin State, St. Thomas, UT-Arlington, SMU, and U-Houston) expressing interest, but unable to attend. After a barbeque-and-greek-food dinner, we talked about our new chapter, coming to the following conclusions:

1. For now, we’d like to meet for an annual mini-conference in the fall (usually October), under rotating sponsorship. The first of these will take place on one of the first three weekends in October, 2002. We heard a tentative commitment from Baylor to host this meeting, with A&M agreeing to serve as a back-up location, and UT-Dallas looking into hosting future meetings. The specific format of the conference will be up to the host institution, but we suggested some guidelines. Graduate students would be encouraged to attend and to present their work. Formats may vary from informal presentations of works in progress, to discussion papers on an assigned theme, to seminars on a particular work.

2. This first meeting was held in conjunction with the A&M Political Theory Conference, an annual event hosting three outside visitors for an all-day seminar. UT-Austin and other representatives offered to use the events of visiting speakers to sponsor informal chapter meetings. More formal co-sponsorship of outside visitors, as Texas philosophers do with their “Lone Star Tourist” program, was considered and rejected.

3. We decided to sponsor a web site and a listserv to disseminate information on chapter and local university activities. Members agreed to use the listserv responsibly (that is, only for

business directly related to the chapter). A&M agreed to sponsor both services for now. The listserv should be running by summer 2002; the web site may take a little longer, as A&M is currently redesigning its entire site. In the meantime, members are encouraged to contribute items for distribution (local events open to members, for example) to ellis@polisci.tamu.edu.

4. The current, provisional A&M political theory website at <http://www-polisci.tamu.edu/Ellis/Theory/confrence.htm> includes a link to the national CSPT; membership forms were distributed at the meeting, though no formal membership is required to participate in Lone Star chapter events. We adjourned with the happy thought that our next meeting in October will include some actual theoretical substance.

— Lisa Ellis, College Station

Pacific Northwest

The Pacific Northwest Political Science Association will hold its annual conference this year in Portland, OR on Nov. 5–7. In addition to the usual array of panels we shall also devote an evening to an election post-mortem, a tradition of several decades for our association. People interested in presenting or serving may contact Nancy Curran at nancy@lclark.edu for further information.

— Curtis Johnson, Portland

NEWS EXCHANGE

Appointments

Nancy Rosenblum writes from Harvard to tell us of a new member of the Indian Territory theory group. Jason Maloy will be joining the faculty of Oklahoma State University, Tulsa, this fall. His dissertation, under the supervision of Richard Tuck, is on evolving notions of trust, accountability, and representation in American colonial political thought.

Lewis & Clark College just appointed a new political theorist to join its political science department. His name is James Holzwarth, Ph.D.

Princeton 2004. His dissertation is “Liberty’s Horizons: Politics and the Value of Cultural Attachment.” His areas of specialization are the continental tradition from Kant to Nietzsche and cultural pluralism in liberal theories of justice. I don’t know if this is suitable for the newsletter, but just in case.

Books and Publications

Curtis Johnson’s latest book, *Socrates and the Immoralists*, will be appearing later this year (Rowman and Littlefield: Lexington). Socrates is often thought to have failed in his attempts to make the case for the “just life” against those in the dialogues, here called immoralists, who defend the life of injustice. This work shows that, while in no single extant dialogue does Socrates make an argument for justice that did or even should have persuaded any of these men to alter their views, the Socratic dialogues taken together surely do make that case, and shows what it is.

Terrence Ball is putting the finishing touches on two projects for Cambridge University Press: an edition of *The Federalist* for the Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought series; and, with Richard Bellamy as co-editor, the *Cambridge History of Political Thought in the Twentieth Century*.

Eldon Eisenach has a chapter, “Emerging Patterns in America’s Political and Religious Self-Understandings,” in the next *Studies in American Political Development*, a research series published by Cambridge University Press; an article, “Jumping out of Ordinary Time: Sacred Rhetoric in American Political Discourse,” appearing this winter in *Tocqueville Review*, and a review essay on recent books on American Progressivism, “The Fate of Progress,” appearing in *Claremont Review of Books* this summer. He is contributing a chapter on Hobbes’s ecclesiology for the forthcoming *Cambridge Companion to Hobbes’s Leviathan*, and editing and compiling a forthcoming collection, *The Social*

and Political Thought of American Progressivism for Hackett Publishers.

Russell Hittinger's recently published collection of essays, *The First Grace*, has been translated into Italian and published under the title, *La prima grazia. Riscoprire la legge naturale in un mondo post cristiano* (Thomas: Palermo, 2004), as the second title in a new series Contemporary Classics on Natural Law.

Paul Rahe has two articles forthcoming in *History of Political Thought* – one on the classical republicanism of John Milton, and the other on Montesquieu's *Considerations on the Causes of the Greatness of the Romans and their Decline*. Most recently, a book manuscript he edited, *Machiavelli's Liberal Republican Legacy*, has been approved for publication by Cambridge University Press.

Conferences

At the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, we have organized an afternoon symposium on the long-awaited expanded edition of Sheldon S. Wolin's *Politics and Vision* (Princeton, 2004). The symposium, taking place from 1:30–5:30 on Friday, March 18th at the Marriott City Center in Oakland, California, will feature commentaries on the book by seven political theorists, among them William Connolly, J. Peter Euben, Wilson Carey McWilliams, Anne Norton, Nicholas Xenos, and a response by Wolin. Following the symposium, there will be a celebratory reception open to all. We invite scholars of every age and stripe to join us for this event, and to celebrate one of the premier political theorists of our time.

— Wendy Brown and Josh Miller

Research and Grants

John Bowlin, religion, has received a grant from the Louisville Institute and the Lilly Endowment relieving him of all teaching for the coming academic year in order to write a book on toleration and forbearance.

Visiting Scholars and Other Moves

Paul Rahe has been on the road again, speaking at the Sorbonne on *Marbury v. Madison*; at the Royal Military Academy in Sandhurst, at the Marine Corps University in Quantico, and at the Naval War College in Newport on Thucydides; at the University of Florence on the republican tradition; and at the University of Bucharest.

He was a commentator for “The Rise and Fall of the Spartans,” which appears from time to time on The History Channel, and recently spoke to the staff of the National Endowment for the Humanities on the state of early American political history. His article “Don Corleone, Multiculturalist” was republished in Chinese, and he has recently published essays and book chapters on “The Idea of the Public Intellectual in the Age of the Enlightenment,” on the background to *Marbury v. Madison*, and on Marchamont Nedham.

Michael Mosher, political science, will be on fall sabbatical, spending the semester in Paris as Visiting Scholar, Centre d'Études et de Recherches Internationales (CERI), Institut Politique (“Sciences Po”). He spent two weeks in June visiting Marseilles, Paris, and Berlin as a participant in a roving faculty seminar, “Immigration in Europe,” sponsored by the Institute of European Studies. In the two months preceding this seminar he presented two papers in Chicago, “Immoderation and Prejudice in Montesquieu: ‘Oh, is she Muslim? What a most extraordinary thing. How can one be Muslim?’” at the Law and Society annual meetings, and “Double Exposures: The Philosophical Intentions of Montesquieu's Persian Letters,” at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings.

Russell Hittinger, religion and law, was busy on the lecture circuit, giving talks at Villanova, the University of Chicago, Colorado College, the University of Virginia, and Calvin College. Ranging abroad, he addressed the Italian Government Ministry of Culture in Rome, and this

summer will speak in Sicily, at the Palermo Court of Justice.

Ron Jepperson will be presenting a paper, "The Multiple Levels of Analysis in Explanations of Macro-Social Outcomes (with John W. Meyer) at the International Conference marking the Centennial of the publication of Max Weber's *The Protestant Ethic & the Spirit of Capitalism*, meeting at Cornell University in October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The University Center for Human Values at Princeton University invites applications for one or two Laurance S. Rockefeller Professorships, from distinguished scholars and teachers, whatever their home discipline, whose scholarship and teaching are devoted explicitly and in significant measure to ethical and evaluative issues. Applicants should send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and a list of potential referees who may be contacted. For full consideration, applications are due by October 15, 2004, but will be considered until the positions are filled. Send application materials to: Director, University Center for Human Values, Louis Marx Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 08544, USA. Princeton University is an Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer. For more information about applying to Princeton and how to self-identify, please link to <http://web.princeton.edu/sites/dof/ApplicantsInfo.htm>.

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