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### FROM THE CHAIR

The 2005 Annual International Meeting, held at Columbia University on April 8–10th, was a huge success, drawing a large and highly engaged audience for a set of papers at an exceptionally high standard.

Papers will be sent (in either print or electronic form) to paid members of the CSPT in the near future, and we will post as many of the papers as possible on the members-only area of the CSPT website as soon as we can have some overdue updating of that site accomplished. The full and final program of the meeting is printed in this newsletter.

Plans for the 2006 Annual Meeting are now being made, and members will be notified as soon as the dates and location have been determined.

We are in the process of updating our list of area conveners and chapters. I urge you to write to me if you are interested in forming a new chapter or if you have other information about the network of CSPT chapters and Conveners.

We would also welcome proposals for, and information about, conferences to be held in the future, including proposals for future Annual Meetings of the CSPT. If you have ideas about or are interested in organizing a conference, including, but not limited to, a future Annual Meeting, please write to me at [dcj1@columbia.edu](mailto:dcj1@columbia.edu).

— David Johnston, Chair

### CONFERENCE ON THE STATE

Conference for the Study of Political Thought  
Annual International Meeting

April 8 – April 10, 2005

*Sponsored by:*

Columbia Center for Law and Philosophy  
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David Johnston and David Armitage

#### Program

Friday, April 8th

1:00 p.m. – Opening Remarks

- David Johnston, CSPT Chair and conference co-organizer
- Lisa Anderson, Dean, Columbia School of International and Public Affairs

1:15–2:45 p.m. – Session I  
(Chair TBA)

- Quentin Skinner, *How We Acquired the Concept of the State*
- David Armitage, *The Contagion of Sovereignty*

3:00–4:30 p.m. – Session II  
(Melvin Richter, Chair)

- Gianfranco Poggii, *Juridical Aspects of European State-making*
- Pierre Birnbaum, *Between State and Democracy*

5:00–6:30 p.m. – Session III  
(Lyman Tower Sargent, Chair)

- Giacomo Marramao, *Return to the State? On Continental and Oceanic Conceptions of Democracy*
- Andrew Arato, *Destruction of the State and Constitutional Imposition in Iraq*

6:30–7:15 p.m. – Reception

Saturday, April 9th

9:30–11:00 a.m. – Session IV  
(Lisa Anderson, Chair)

- Fred Cooper, *Alternatives to Empire: France and Africa after World War II*
- Sudipta Kaviraj, *The Enchantment of the State*

11:15–12:45 p.m. – Session V  
(Akeel Bilgrami, Chair)

- Rainer Bauböck, *Overlapping sovereignty: Is Condominium a Solution for Disputed Territory?*
- Benedict Kingsbury, *Embedded Pluralism: Globalization and the Reappearance of Indigenous Peoples' Cartographies*

2:15–3:45 p.m. – Session VI  
(Jean Cohen, Chair)

- Susan Marks, *State-Centrism, International Law, and the Anxieties of Influence*
- Chandra Sriram, *Human rights v. the State: Is Sovereignty Eroding?*

Sunday, April 10th

9:30–11:00 a.m. – Session VII  
(David Armitage, Chair)

- Carla Pasquinelli, *The Power of the Center: An Anthropological Analysis of Political Symbolism*
- Steven Lukes, *States, Markets, and Local Practices*

11:15–12:30 p.m. – Session VIII  
(David Johnston, Chair)

- *Roundtable Discussion:* Seyla Benhabib, Jean Cohen, Sudipta Kaviraj, and Quentin Skinner

12:30–12:45 p.m. – Closing Remarks

- David Armitage, conference co-organizer

## CHAPTER NEWS

### EUROPE

#### Eastern Britain

The Department of Government (Essex), in collaboration with the Centre for Theoretical Studies, and the Doctoral Programme in Ideology and Discourse Analysis, is pleased to announce the Sixth Essex Graduate Conference in Political Theory, to be held at the University of Essex between the 13th and 14th of May 2005.

The conference has achieved a renowned reputation for the quality of the papers presented and the large number of international participants. Previous guest speakers have included Wendy Brown, Judith Squires, Quentin Skinner, Joan Copjec, James Tully, Fred Dallmayr, David Campbell, and Chantal Mouffe, among others. The conference provides an important opportunity to engage with the contemporary challenges and possibilities of social and political theory and to exchange views on ongoing research. Papers are encouraged from a wide variety of backgrounds in the field of social and political theory.

Speakers this year include: Bonnie Honig (Northwestern), David Owen (Southampton), Ernesto Laclau (Essex), and Aletta J. Norval (Essex). Broad themes for the conference are: issues in political theory; inclusion, exclusion, and representation; consensus, agonism, and democracy; ethnicity and race; identity politics and mobilization; and modes of subjectivity and psychoanalysis.

For further enquiries, please contact Jonathan Dean and Michael Strange at [polcon@essex.ac.uk](mailto:polcon@essex.ac.uk).

— Richard Bellamy

## **Manchester**

The Manchester Center for Political Thought (MANCEPT) hosted three one-day conferences during this academic year.

The first in November “On the Very Idea of Global Polity,” included four key speakers: David Miller (Oxford), on “Collective Responsibility and International Inequality in Rawls’ The Law of Peoples;” Katrin Flikschuh (London School of Economics), on “The Unavailability of Kant’s Cosmopolitanism Today;” Chris Brown (London School of Economics), on “Re-imagining International Society;” and Leif Wenar (Sheffield), on “The Very Idea of Human Rights.”

The second conference in March celebrated the themes for the works of Ursula Vogel who will be retiring later this year. Speakers included: Diane Elson (Essex), on “Feminism and Human Rights: Some Deconstructions and Reconstructions;” Elizabeth Meehan (Queen’s University of Belfast), on “Women and Citizenship: Constitutional Reform in the UK as a New Enlightenment for Feminist Politics?;” Iain Hampsher-Monk (Essex), on “Burke’s Theory of Representation;” and Geraint Parry (Manchester) on “Enlightenment Education and the Virtuous Circle of Civility.”

In conjunction with our colleagues in the European Policy Research Unit, we hosted a one-day conference at the end of April on “Welfare in Europe: Theory and Practice.” Speakers for this conference included: Carl Knight, on “Theorizing Welfare;” Claire Bamba, on “Women’s status and welfare state regimes;” Angelia Wilson, on “The EU Equality Dream: the case of lesbians and gay men;” and Christine Ioannou, on “The Challenge of the European Social Acquis and the pressure of Full Compliance upon new EU members: The case of Cyprus.”

In addition, MANCEPT continues to sponsor Brave New World, a now permanent fixture and celebrated international postgraduate conference devoted to political theory. At this year’s conference in June 2005, keynote speak-

ers will be Michael Otsuka (University College London) and Andrew Williams (Reading). For information on the upcoming conference and call for papers please see the Brave New world website.

This year has seen the launch of the MANCEPT Film Society which meets once per month to watch and discuss the political and theoretical tones found in such films as ‘Gattaca,’ ‘Inherit the Wind,’ and ‘The Fog of War’.

— *Angelia Wilson*

## **ISRAEL**

Regular seminars in political philosophy are conducted in Tel Aviv University by Dr. Michael Kochin (presentations made in Hebrew or English).

Presentations this semester include: Yoav Peled (Tel Aviv University), “Transitional Justice and the Right of Return of the Palestinian Refugees;” Daniel Doneson (Shalem Center), “Rooted Beyond All Rootedness: Heidegger Before and After the Political;” Clifford Orwin (University of Toronto), “The First Democracy at War: Athens in the Pages of Herodotus;” Gayil Talshir (Hebrew University), “Citizenship beyond Social Rights: The Ideological Battleground in Advanced Democracies;” Nitza Nachmias (Haifa University and Towson State-USA), “The Politics of Forced Migration;” and Alan Levine (American University-Washington, DC), “The Idea of America in European Political Thought: 1492 to 9/11.”

— *Efraim Podoksik*

## **UNITED STATES**

### **Cactus Chapter**

Activities of the Cactus Chapter have merged in the last two years with those of the Committee on Law and Philosophy (College of Law, Arizona State University) and of the Arizona Moral and Political Philosophy Conference, launched in 2004 by Thomas Christiano (Philosophy, University of Arizona).

These organizations jointly sponsored a day-long conference on February 5th, 2005, with the following speakers: Michael Perry (School of Law, Emory University), “Abortion from the

Perspective of the Morality of Human Rights;" Mary Sigler (College of Law, Arizona State), "Prison Rape and the Corruption of Character;" and Mark Timmons (Philosophy, U of Arizona), "Moral Phenomenology and Moral Theory."

— *Richard Dagger*

### **New York**

The Columbia Seminar on Political and Social Thought held six sessions in 2004–2005, and also hosted the 2005 CSPT Annual International Meeting.

The year's schedule of presenters and papers included Allan Silver (Columbia), "America's War's, Perfect and Imperfect;" Stephen Macedo (Princeton), "What Self-Governing Peoples Owe to One Another: Universalism, Diversity, and the Law of Peoples;" John Wallach (CUNY), "Democratic Virtue and Its Obstacles;" Akeel Bilgrami (Columbia), "Liberal Secularism and Relativism;" Allen Buchanan (Duke), "Toward a Theory of the Legitimacy of Global governance Institutions;" and Peter Meyers (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle), "The Circle of War and Emergency." Please direct inquiries about the Columbia Seminar to David Johnston at [dcj1@columbia.edu](mailto:dcj1@columbia.edu).

Information about the Annual International Meeting, which took place on April 8–10th, can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

— *David Johnston*

### **Pacific Northwest**

The Pacific Northwest Political Science Association will be convening its annual meeting this year in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho from October 13th through the 15th. The conference includes panels from all areas of political science, including usually several panels in political theory.

If you have interest in attending or participating please contact the president of the PNWPSA Dr. Ken Hoover, Western Washington University in Bellingham, or the Coordinator Nancy Curran at Lewis & Clark College ([nancy@lclark.edu](mailto:nancy@lclark.edu)) in Portland.

— *Curtis Johnson*

### **Rocky Mountains**

We have had a few meetings this past year in which we discussed the following books: Bernard Williams, *Truth and Truthfulness*; Patrick Deneen, *The Odyssey of Political Theory*; Josef Pieper, *Hope and History*; and Leszek Kolakowski, *Modernity on Endless Trial*.

— *Steve McCarl*

### **Upstate New York**

Our last meeting of this academic year was held at the end of this April; our topic was Michael Oakeshott's essay, "Rationalism in Politics." In addition to the essay, which is reprinted in a new edition by the same name from Liberty Fund, we also discussed the following essays: Hanna Fenichel Pitkin, "Inhuman Conduct and Unpolitical Theory: Michael Oakeshott's On Human Conduct" (1976); Michael Oakeshott, "On Misunderstanding Human Conduct: A Reply to My Critics" (1976); and Paul Franco, "Michael Oakeshott as Liberal Theorist" (1990).

— *John Harman*

### **Virginia**

At the University of Virginia, the life of political theory has been nourished this past year by a stream of interesting speakers, including William Connolly, Onora O'Neill, Michael Ignatieff, Thomas McCarthy, Simon Stow, and Perez Zagorin.

The new interdisciplinary undergraduate program in Political Philosophy, Policy, and Law (PPL) is up and running, with Loren Lomasky as director. The program is searching this year for one of two two-year post-docs, who will direct research seminars for the program.

— *George Klosko and Stephen White*

## **NEWS EXCHANGE**

### **Appointments**

This year Angelia Wilson, whose work is in the field of feminist theory and lesbian politics, joined the political science department at Manchester.

Joshua Dienstag has taken a position at UCLA, where he will be a Professor in the Political Science Department. His book, *The Pessimistic Spirit*, is forthcoming from Princeton University Press.

Lawrie Balfour (University of Virginia) has been promoted to associate professor, with tenure. She has been on leave this year, with a fellowship from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, working on a book on the political theory of W.E.B. Du Bois.

### **Books and Publications**

Colin Bird's "An Introduction to Political Philosophy" is under contract with Cambridge University Press, and is scheduled for completion this summer. This is an invited contribution to Cambridge's new series of introductory texts in philosophy, including titles by Martin Hollis, John Deigh, E. J. Lowe and Richard Eldridge.

Stephen White and Don Moon have co-edited *What is Political Theory?* (Sage).

A conference organized around Stephen White's book, *Sustaining Affirmation: The Strengths of Weak Ontology in Contemporary Political Theory* (Princeton) took place in Spring 2004 at Northwestern University. The conference papers will be published in an issue of *The Hedgehog Review*.

George Klosko's book, *Political Obligations*, has just been published by Oxford University Press. This work provides a full defense of a theory of political obligation based on the principle of fairness (or fair play), and also explores attitudes towards political obligation held by ordinary citizens and the state, through small focus groups and study of judicial decisions in three different liberal democracies.

George also has a contract from Oxford for a second edition of his 1986 book, *The Development of Plato's Political Theory*.

Stephen will step down as the editor of *Political Theory* during the summer of 2005.

### **Conferences**

The Heyman Center for the Humanities at Columbia University, together with the University Seminars on American Studies and Eighteenth Century European Culture, held a one-day conference on the Radical Enlightenment in March.

Speakers included: Margaret Jacob, on "The Radical Enlightenment: A Heavenly City with Many Mansions;" Jonathan Israel, on "The Socio-cultural Structure of the Radical Enlightenment;" Joyce Appleby, on "Another Look at American Radicalism;" and Phyllis Mack, on "Agency and the Unconscious: Spiritual Dreams in 18th Century Britain."

### **Graduate Student News**

Debra Campbell (Arizona State) successfully defended her dissertation, "Taking Democracy Seriously: A Proposal for Citizen Lawmaking," and now chairs the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Mesa Community College in Mesa, Arizona.

### **Research and Grants**

Prof. Hillel Steiner has recently been awarded a Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship to support his research on "The Just Price."

### **Visiting Scholars and Other Moves**

Jonathan Quong has been awarded a Murphy Center Visiting Research Fellowship at Tulane University where he will complete work on liberalism and perfectionism.

Adrian Blau will be located at the Manchester Center for Political Thought for two years, as a Simon Research Hallsworth Fellow.

Terence Ball (Political Science, Arizona State) spent the Fall 2004 semester at Cambridge University as Visiting Fellow of Corpus Christi College. While in the UK, he delivered lectures at Oxford, Exeter, and Sheffield universities.

Richard Dagger (Political Science & Philosophy, Arizona State) served as Respondent at a Sawyer Seminar on “Urban vs. National Citizenship” organized by the Centre for Early Modern Studies at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, April 15–16, 2005. In 2005–06, Dagger will be a Faculty Fellow of the Center for Ethics and Public Affairs of the Murphy Institute for Political Economy, Tulane University.

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