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## CSPT 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 in the City of New York on April 8–10, 2005.

The subject of this conference will be the state and, more specifically, state centrism. The organizers are David Johnston (Political Science, Columbia, and CSPT Chair) and David Armitage (History, Harvard).

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.

### Conference Schedule and Location

Comprising eight sessions, the conference will open on Friday, April 8th at approximately 1:00 p.m. and will close on Sunday, April 10th at 1:00 p.m. The conference is open to all members of the CSPT. We strongly encourage you to register in advance. To do so, please contact Rebecca Bloom at rcj7@columbia.edu.

All sessions of this conference will be held in Room 1501 of Columbia University’s Kellogg Center in the School of International Affairs at 420 West 118th Street, New York City.

### Program

The authors of the papers listed below have confirmed their plans to participate in this conference. They will be joined by several additional panel participants. (Please note that we will circulate the conference papers in advance

to all attendees who register for this conference at least two weeks in advance. Printed copies will be available at the time of the conference on site.)

- Quentin Skinner, “How We Acquired the Concept of the State.”
- Knud Haakonssen, “The State and the Common Good in Late 17th- and Early 18th-century Natural Law.”
- Gianfranco Poggi, “Juridical Aspects of European State-making [a retrospective look].”
- Pierre Birnbaum, “Between State and Democracy: Dilemmas of French Contemporary Jews.”
- Rainer Bauböck, “Overlapping sovereignty: Is Condominium a Solution for Disputed Territory?”
- Benedict Kingsbury, “Embedded Pluralism: Globalization and the Reappearance of Indigenous Peoples’ Cartographies.”
- Susan Marks, “The State, Democracy, and Ideology in International Law.”
- Chandra Sriram, “Human rights v. the State: Is Sovereignty Eroding?”
- Fred Cooper, “Alternatives to Empire: France and Africa after World War II.”
- Sudipta Kaviraj, “The Enchantment of the State [in modern Indian political thinking].”
- Carla Pasquinelli, “The Power of the Center: An Anthropological Analysis of Political Symbolism.”
- Rebecca McLennan, “The Return of the State in Recent U.S. Historiography.”
- Giacomo Maramao, “Return to the State? On Continental and Oceanic Conceptions of Democracy.”

I look forward to seeing all of you this April in New York!

— *David Johnston, Chair*

## CHAPTER NEWS

### EUROPE

#### Western Britain

Graduate study in political theory at Exeter has grown significantly with the development of a strong M.A. program in Critical Global Studies and a revived M.A. program in Political Theory. These two programs, which have drawn students from the UK, US, Europe, the Middle East, and the Far East, have also helped our strong recent growth in Ph.D. students.

Current Ph.D. students are working on a diverse range of topics such as: the relation between the work of Tom Paine and William Godwin and contemporary natural rights and utilitarian theories; the appeal to history in political thinkers such as Machiavelli, Burkhardt and Nietzsche; the relation between knowledge, power, and education examined through the study of Michel Foucault and Paulo Freire; the relations between early modern western political theories of toleration and classical Islamist political thought; and the nature of will in social contract theory.

Prof. Terrence Ball (University of Arizona) was the speaker for a Western UK CSPT Seminar at Exeter University on November 10th, 2004. He presented the paper, "From Democracy to Bocracy? Prospects for Green Democracy." A reception celebrated the 25th anniversary of the journal, *History of Political Thought*, edited by Prof. Iain Hampsher Monk (Exeter) and Prof. Janet Coleman (LSE) at the Political Thought Conference at St. Catherine's College, Oxford, on January 6th, 2005.

Dr. Nathan Widder recently presented papers on Foucault and power at George Washington University (Human Sciences Seminar) and Southampton University (Politics and International Relations Research Seminar).

The Political Theory Research Unit at the Cardiff School of European Studies, Cardiff

University reports 2003–4 was a very productive and exciting time for everyone involved in the Political Theory Research Unit, and that 2004–5 looks to have the same, if not greater potential. Highlights include the successful organization of conferences and conference panels, collaborative work on edited and co-authored books, as well as the positive experience of a supportive environment in which members of the unit work on single authored books and articles.

The students at Cardiff continue to benefit from, and are themselves involved in, national and international ventures. We have a full and exciting program for 2005 revolving around the visits of Carole Pateman, the recipient of the Political Studies Association Lifetime Achievement Award, 2004, and Rex Martin of Kansas University. Both have been awarded prestigious Cardiff University Distinguished Visiting Professor Fellowships. Carole Pateman will be resident in Cardiff from April 1st until June 1st, and Rex Martin from June 1st until July 3rd.

The Collingwood and British Idealism Centre received many visitors, including Fred Inglis, Emeritus Leverhulme Professor, and Andrew Vincent, Sheffield, seeking to take advantage of its resources. This year also saw the tenth volume of the *Collingwood and British Idealism Studies*. It has successfully incorporated *Bradley Studies* and will be published beginning January 2005 by Imprint Academic. It was the beneficiary of SRIF funds to upgrade its equipment and facilities.

— *Nathan Widder, Exeter*

### UNITED STATES

#### Lone Star

We held our second annual conference in what has become our usual style, with seminar discussions of four papers over the course of a Saturday in October. This year's host was the University of Texas at San Antonio; next year we'll meet at the University of Texas at Dallas. We heard two papers on ancient political thought, by Dwight D. Allman (Baylor) and Lorraine Smith Pangle (UT–Austin), and two from more contemporary perspectives, by Katy

Arnold (UT–San Antonio) and Lisa Ellis (Texas A&M). Most of our activities involve visiting each others' campuses for events, with information distributed via e-mail.

The Lone Star Chapter, as we declare on our website, provides an opportunity for local theorists—without regard for methodology, philosophical orientation, or area of specialty—to come together to discuss matters of mutual interest and share research. We are also inclusive with regard to geography, welcoming non-Texans from Oklahoma, Missouri, Louisiana, and beyond. Anyone interested in receiving notices of their activities may write to Lisa Ellis for inclusion on their mailing list (ellis@polisci.tamu.edu).

— Lisa Ellis, College Station

### **New York**

The Columbia Seminar on Political and Social Thought is in the midst of a very full year that will culminate in the 2005 Annual International Meeting of the CSPT, which is being co-hosted by the Seminar.

This year's schedule of paper presenters at the Seminar is as follows: Allan Silver, September 23rd; Stephen Macedo, October 21st; John Wallach, November 18th; Akeel Bilgrami, December 16th; Allen Buchanan, January 27th; Philip Pettit, February 24th; and Uday Mehta, March 24th. In lieu of the Seminar's usual March meeting will be the 2005 Annual Meeting on April 8–10, 2005. For details, please see the lead article in this Newsletter.

If you would like additional information about the Columbia Seminar, please write to David Johnston at dcj1@columbia.edu.

— David Johnston

### **Upstate New York**

After a lot of fast shuffling due to unexpected turns of events-operations, and so on, we held a meeting on October 22nd, at Hobart and Wm. Smith Colleges. The topic was whether people have a "natural right to health care" on a par with the right to free speech or free exercise of religion. The readings were Allen Buchanan, "The Right to a Decent Minimum of Health Care," *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, Vol. 13 (Winter 1984): 55–78, and Theodore M. Benditt,

"The Demands of Justice," *Ethics*, Vol. 85 (January 1985): 224–232.

James Fleming, Professor of Political Science at Rochester Institute of Technology, gave a talk on December 17th on his new book *Window on Congress: A Congressional Biography of Barber Conable, Jr.* (University of Rochester Press). The result of fifteen years of research, the book discusses the important role played in the U. S. Congress by Western New York's Conable, including his role in encouraging President Richard M. Nixon to resign, and his efforts to save the Social Security system. Fleming had access to Conable's private diaries and newsletters, as well as dozens of personal meetings with him at his home in Alexandria.

— John Harman

## **NEWS EXCHANGE**

### **Appointments**

David Corey reports that the Department of Political Science at Baylor has a new chair, Mary P. Nichols.

David Nichols has joined the faculty at Baylor too, and we are building an exciting Ph.D. program with emphases in the areas of constitutional law and citizenship, and with unique concentrations in Politics and Literature, and Politics and Religion. The program should take off in the fall (pending approval).

Jeff Tulis reports that Thomas Pangle, Lorraine Smith Pangle, and Devin Stauffer have joined the faculty of the Department of Government at the University of Texas – Austin.

### **Books and Publications**

Susan Hekman of the University of Texas at Arlington, reports that her book on identity politics, *Private Selves, Public Identities: Reconsidering Identity Politics*, came out in the spring from Penn State Press.

Iain Hampsher Monk, ed. *Reaction to the French Revolution—British texts from the 1790* (Cambridge University Press, 2005).

Lisa Ellis's book, *Kant's Politics: Provisional Theory for an Uncertain World*, will appear in early 2005 from Yale University Press. The book argues that Kant's brilliant original contributions to political thought—including his modernization of the concept of civil society, his hypothesis of a democratic peace, his theory of revolution, his vision of the transition toward enlightened governance, and his claim that the mechanism of this transition is the institution of publicity—cannot be understood without attention to the development of the dynamic concept of provisional right.

This book provides the first such comprehensive interpretation of Kant's political theory, tracing the idea through Kant's works, comparing it with the theories of his contractarian predecessors and with those of his enlightenment contemporaries, wielding it against the less felicitous elements of Kant's philosophy, and applying it to problems in contemporary political thought. The resulting interpretation gives us Kant for our time-worldly, pragmatic, and intensely committed to the everyday pursuit of human freedom.

Catriona McKinnon and Dario Castiglione, eds. *The Culture of Toleration in Diverse Societies: Reasonable Tolerance* (Manchester University Press, 2003).

Dario Castiglione and Catriona McKinnon, eds. *Toleration, Neutrality and Democracy* (Kluwer International, 2003).

Richard Bellamy, Dario Castiglione, and Emilio Santoro, eds. *Lineages of European Citizenship* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2004)

*Ethnicity, Nationalism and Minority Rights*, edited by Steve May, Tariq Modood and Judith Squires (Cambridge University Press, 2004). This interdisciplinary collection addresses the position of minorities in democratic societies, with a particular focus on minority rights and recognition. It brings together leading international authorities on ethnicity, nationalism and

minority rights from both social and political theory, with the specific aim of fostering debate between the disciplines.

Contributors include Jan Nederveen Pieterse, Rogers Brubaker, Thomas Hylland Eriksen, Patricia Hill Colls, T.K. Oommen, Will Kymlicka, Iris Marion Young, Bhikhu Parekh, Nira Yuval-david and Craig Calhoun.

Katherine Irene Pettus's first book, *Felony Disenfranchisement in America: Historical Origins, Institutional Racism, and Modern Consequences* surveys felony disenfranchisement from Athenian democracy to the present, underscoring the long and complex history of a modern practice that disproportionately strikes African Americans.

This book analyzes the contradiction between present state disenfranchisement practices and voting rights jurisprudence, concluding that American citizens lack equal voting rights. The majority of the disenfranchised today are African-American, and most felony convictions are drug-related. Nonetheless, drug use and trafficking are equally distributed across demographic groups. The current variation in state laws disenfranchising felons, the lack of standard definitions of felonies, and the racial disparities within the criminal justice system reproduce many of the inequalities of the colonial America, despite the development of federal citizenship and voting rights law since the end of the Civil War.

Cary Nederman of Texas A&M University recently published *Talking Democracy: Historical Approaches to Rhetoric and Democratic Theory* (co-edited with Benedetto Fontana and Gary Remer). Pennsylvania State University Press, 2004.

Terrell Carver, *Men in Political Theory* (Manchester University Press, UK; and Palgrave-Macmillan, USA; 2004) This books builds on feminist re-readings of the traditional canon of male writers in political philosophy by turning the 'gender lens' on to the representation of men in widely studied texts. It explains the dis-

inction between ‘man’ as an apparently gendered ‘individual’ or ‘citizen’ and ‘man’ as an overtly gendered being in human society.

This book is the first to use the literatures of ‘men’s studies’ and ‘masculinities’ in rethinking the political problems that students and specialists in the social sciences and humanities encounter. It does this by re-examining the historical materials from which present-day concepts of citizenship, individuality, identity, subjectivity, normativity and legitimacy arise. The ten chapters on Plato, Aristotle, Jesus, Augustine, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Marx and Engels show the operation of the ‘gender lens’ in different ways, depending on how each philosopher deploys concepts of men and masculinity to pose and solve classic problems.

Peri Roberts and Peter Sutch, *An Introduction to Political Thought: A Conceptual Toolkit* (EUP and NYUP, 2004). This book provides innovative insight into how to think about political thinking.

Shadia Drury, *Terror and Civilization: Christianity, Politics, and the Western Psyche* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2004). This book challenges the connection between terror and civilization from Christianity to psychoanalysis and postmodernism. Drury argues that terror—physical, spiritual, or psychological—is not the secret of civilization. She shows how psychoanalysis and postmodernism share the assumptions about terror and civilization that are at the heart of the Christian doctrine of original sin. She maintains that ideals, and their zealous pursuit, explain the sweetness of civilization as well as its horror.

Peter Ives, *Gramsci’s Politics of Language: Engaging the Bakhtin Circle and the Frankfurt School* (University of Toronto Press, Cultural Spaces Series, 2004). Antonio Gramsci and his concept of hegemony have permeated social and political theory, cultural studies, education studies, literary criticism, international relations, and post-colonial theory. The centrality of language

and linguistics to Gramsci’s thought, however, has been wholly neglected. In Gramsci’s *Politics of Language*, Peter Ives argues that a university education in linguistics and a preoccupation with Italian language politics were integral to the theorist’s thought.

To explicate Gramsci’s writings on language, Ives compares them with other Marxist approaches to language, including those of the Bakhtin Circle, Walter Benjamin, and the Frankfurt School, including Jürgen Habermas. From these comparisons, Ives elucidates the implications of Gramsci’s writings, which, he argues, retained the explanatory power of the semiotic and dialogic insights of Bakhtin and the critical perspective of the Frankfurt School, while at the same time foreshadowing the key problems with both, approaches that post-structuralist critiques would later reveal.

Peter Ives, *Language and Hegemony in Gramsci* (Pluto Press/Fernwood, Reading Gramsci Series, 2004). This book uses Gramsci’s focus on language to introduce his central ideas such as hegemony, intellectuals, passive revolution, civil society and subalternity. By paying great attention to the linguistic underpinnings of Gramsci’s Marxism, *Language and Hegemony in Gramsci* shows how his theorization of power, language and politics address issues raised by post-modernism and work of Michel Foucault, Jacques Derrida, Chantal Mouffe, and Ernesto Laclau.

David Boucher and Paul Kelly, eds. *Political Thinkers* (Oxford University Press, 2004). This work brings together potent array of nearly thirty contributors, and was described by the Times Higher Education Supplement as “now the best in its class.”

David Boucher and Gary Browning, eds. *The Political Art of Bob Dylan* (Palgrave). This volume includes contributions from prominent political theorists such as Andrew Gamble and Lawrence Wilde, exploring Dylan’s work from a variety of theoretical perspectives.

Graeme Garrard, *Rousseau's Counter-Enlightenment* (Routledge, 2003).

Lyman T. Sargent recently co-authored *Living in Utopia: Intentional Communities in New Zealand* (Ashgate 2004) with Lucy Sargisson of the University of Nottingham.

David Boucher, *Dylan and Cohen: Poets of Rock and Roll* (Continuum, 2004). This book explores and compares the poet of anger with the poet of angst through the use of hermeneutic, aesthetic and political theories, setting the thinkers in the context of such movements as the Beat Poets, the Folk Revival and 1960s protest.

David Boucher, ed. *The Scottish Idealists* (Imprint Academic, 2004). This collection demonstrates the extent to which British Idealism was predominantly Scottish in character.

David Boucher collaborated with Professor Wendy James and Professor Philip Smallwood on producing an edition of Collingwood's unpublished manuscripts on *Culture, Anthropology and Politics: The Philosophy of Enchantment* (Oxford University Press, 2005). This is the result of a ten year endeavour involving, the literary executors, OUP, and the editors.

### Conferences

The second conference on the theme of "Principles in a Plural World" took place at Cardiff, UK. Building on the success of the "Multiculturalism, Identity and Rights Conference" (and subsequent book: B.A. Haddock and P. Sutch, eds. Routledge, 2003) this conference brought together scholars from the UK and USA to explore a core theme that emerged from the first conference. The continuing work on this project has attracted contributions from Michael Walzer (Princeton) and Chris Brown (LSE) who were not part of the original set-up. The third in this series of conferences is planned for 2005–6.

David Boucher convened a human rights panel at the PSA in Lincoln. Peter Sutch and

Peri Roberts were among the contributors. Boucher also gave the plenary lecture at the Scottish Philosophy Conference in Aberdeen, September 2003 (published in *Scottish Philosophy*, 2/2 2004). He convened a panel on Republicanism and Idealism at the Manchester Political Thought Conference, under the auspices of the "British Idealist Special Group of the Political Studies Association."

— Nathan Widder

The Political Science Department at Texas A&M University continues to hold an annual conference on the practice of political theory. This year's conference will be held on February 26, 2005, on the topic: "Must political theory be utopian?" There will be discussion papers by Leslie Paul Thiele, Shannon Stimson, and George Klosko. All participants act as co-discussants in a seminar format; anyone interested in attending may write to Dr. Edward Portis, MS 4348 Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77845.

— Lisa Ellis

### Graduate Student News

Ph.D. Thesis: C. Moon, *Narrating Reconciliation: Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa*. Supervisors: Richard Little and Terrell Carver.

Ph.D. Thesis: Johanna Kantola, *Gender and the State: Comparisons of Feminist Discourses in Finland and Britain*. Supervisor: Judith Squires.

From the University of North Texas, Steven Forde writes that Erum Shaikh, M.A. student, successfully defended her thesis, *War and Peace: Towards an Understanding of the Theology of Jihad*.

Nikola Regent was awarded an Overseas Research Student (ORS) award from the UK government for Ph.D. research at Exeter University.

## Research and Grants

Cary Nederman received a Fulbright Alumni Initiative Award to support a linkage between Texas A&M University and the Center for Advanced Study and Education at Ural State University in Yekaterinberg, Russia.

The award supports the travel of faculty and doctoral students to participate in a series of institutes during 2004 and 2005 on the topic of “Methodology in the Study of Political Thought” held in Yekaterinberg.

In addition to Cary Nederman and four A&M doctoral students—Sara Jordan, Roberto Loureiro, Jesse Chupp, and Justin Vaughn—the institutes involve advanced graduate students from Russia, the former Soviet Republics, and Eastern Europe as well as faculty from Western Europe and the United States.

In Summer 2004, with the aid of the AIA grant, Cary presented lectures to a group of 30 such students on the “Early Theories of Government in Comparative Perspective.”

Dario Castiglione is currently involved in two European grants. The first, starting 2005, is part of a European-funded Integrated Project in “New Methods of Governance” (NEWGOV), for which Dr. Castiglione shall do research on democratic legitimacy and new forms of governance. The second, in progress until end of 2005, is part of a European-funded Research consortium on “Citizenship and democratic legitimacy in the European Union” (CIDEL), for which he is doing research on the European constitution.

Nathan Widder received British Academy support for attendance at the September, 2004 American Political Science Association annual meeting in Chicago.

## Visiting Scholars and Other Moves

Graeme Garrad was on sabbatical on a fellowship in Paris, funded by an AHRB grant, and completed a draft of his *Counter Enlightenment*, to be published by Routledge next year.

Knud Haakonssen, Philosophy, Boston University, has moved to the chair of Intellectual History at the University of Sussex, as of January 2005.

Bruce Haddock is currently on sabbatical in the United States putting the final touches to his *History of Political Thought*, and bringing to conclusion his work on weak foundationalism.

Exeter hosted Prof. William Connolly (Johns Hopkins University) and Prof. Jane Bennett (formerly Goucher College, now Johns Hopkins University) from August through December, 2003. Prof. Connolly came to Exeter as a Leverhulme Visiting Professor and ran a well attended research seminar on “Time and Politics.” Prof. Connolly also made visits to Bristol University, Newcastle University, the London School of Economics, and Essex University.

Dr. Dario Castiglione is currently a Visiting Fellow at Georgetown University in the Centre for Democracy and the Third Sector (CDATS) until the summer of 2005.

Lyman T. Sargent has recently been appointed to a three year term as an Honorary Research Fellow, Department of History, Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, University of London.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professor Hampsher-Monk has joined Professors Quentin Skinner (Cambridge), Dr. Annabel Brett (Cambridge) Professor Martin van Gelderen (European University Institute, Florence) in creating a network on “Liberty and Sovereignty in Modern Europe, Historical and Philosophical controversies.” The first meeting of the network will take place in Florence, January 27th–29th.

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