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FROM THE CHAIR

I am delighted to announce that the Annual International Meeting of the Conference for the Study of Political Thought for 2006 will be held at Columbia University on Friday and Saturday, September 22 – 23, 2006, at Columbia University. This conference will re-evaluate the thought of Adam Smith.

The conference will feature an exceptional group of scholars and experts on Adam Smith and the early science of political economy. Emma Rothschild, Knud Hakkonsen, Istvan Hont, Gareth Stedman Jones, James Moore, Sankar Muthu, and Nicholas Philipson have agreed to give papers at the meeting, and a number of additional scholars will also participate.

This meeting will begin on the morning of Friday, September 22 and conclude by mid-afternoon on Saturday, September 23. I will publicize further details in the summer issue of this Newsletter, and via a mailing, but for the moment, please mark your calendar with the dates and make plans to attend this meeting, which promises to be outstanding.

— *David Johnston, Chair*

CHAPTER NEWS

CANADA

Western Canada

Peter Ives' book, *Gramsci's Politics of Language: Engaging the Bakhtin Circle and the Frankfurt School* (University of Toronto Press, 2004) won the Raymond Klibansky Prize for the best English language book in the Humanities in 2004–2005. This prize is offered by the Aid to Scholarly Publications Programme, and is funded by the SSHRC. The prize was announced November 26, 2005.

— *Margaret Ogrodnick*

EUROPE

Eastern Britain

This term University College London (UCL) is hosting two seminars as part of its programme in legal and political theory.

First, the *UCL Mellon Programme: Identities and Culture in Europe since 1945*. This spring's presentations will be as follows: "What Good is Language?" — Andrew Shorten (UCL); "Hobbesian Deliberative Democracy" — Adrian Blau (Manchester); and "Multiculturalism, Recognition and Respect" — Jonathan Seglow (Royal Holloway).

Second, the *UCL Colloquium in Legal and Social Philosophy*. Presentations for this seminar will be as follows: Professor Ross Harrison (UCL), speaking on: "The Moral Is: States Make Laws;" Dr. Janet Radcliffe Richards, speaking on: "Equality of Opportunity;" Professor Ronald Dworkin (UCL and NYU), speaking on: "The Concepts of Law;" Professor Scott Shapiro (University of Michigan), speaking on: "Massively Shared Agency;" and Profes-

sor Hillel Steiner (Manchester), speaking on: “Exploitation.”

— *Richard Bellamy*

Sussex

A new Centre for Intellectual History has been established at the University of Sussex. The Center will host a two-day symposium, 26–27 May 2006, devoted to discussion of two new works: Istvan Hont, *Jealousy of Trade: International Competition and the Nation State in Historical Perspective* (Harvard University Press, 2005); and John Robertson, *The Case for the Enlightenment: Scotland and Naples 1680–1760* (Cambridge University Press, 2005). There will be no papers, but discussion will be opened by, among others, Hans Blom (Erasmus University, Rotterdam), Edward Hundert (University of British Columbia), and James Moore (Concordia University, Montreal) with responses by Drs. Hont and Robertson.

— *Knud Haakonssen*

Western Britain

Samuel A. Chambers, Lecturer in Politics at the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Wales – Swansea, is the new area convener for Western Britain, taking over from Nathan Widder. This means that this section has moved from Exeter, and is now housed at Swansea University in Wales.

We have recently made multiple hires here at Swansea, bringing in two new theorists over the past year—Professor Roland Axtmann, who is the new Head of Department, and myself—to add to the existing staff of theorists including Alan Finlayson and Mark Evans. We are thus returning to solidify the department’s core strength in political theory, and are very excited about being the new home for CSPT Western Britain.

— *Samuel Chambers*

ISRAEL

Shalem Press (Jerusalem) has launched publication of a quarterly journal *Hebraic Political Studies*. *Hebraic Political Studies* is an interna-

tional, peer-reviewed journal that aims to evaluate the place of the Jewish textual tradition, alongside the traditions of Greece and Rome, in political history and the history of political thought. *Hebraic Political Studies* publishes articles that explore the political concepts of the Hebrew Bible and rabbinic literature, the significance of reflections on Judaic sources in the history of ideas, and the role of these sources in the history of the West. It is edited by Arthur Eyffinger (The Hague) and Gordon Schochet (Rutgers). The first issue includes articles by Steven Grosby, Abraham Melamed, Kalman Neuman, Arthur Eyffinger and Silvia Berti. For further information, you may contact the journal at: hpstudies@shalempress.org.il.

The Tel Aviv workshop in political thought, chaired by Dr. Michael Kochin, continued this academic year. The autumn sessions included, among others, presentations by Dr. Annabel Herzog (Derrida and Voltaire on Hospitality) and Dr. Gabriel Danzig (War leadership, according to Xenophon).

— *Efraim Podoksik*

UNITED STATES

California

The Bay Area Chapter of the CSPT has a busy fall semester to report. Professor Constantinos Tsoukalas of the University of Athens, Greece, presented a paper on “The Imperfect Separation of State and Civil Society;” and Professor Terrell Carver of the University of Bristol, UK, presented “Democracy and Dictatorship in the Age of Epigoni: Retranslating Marx’s Eighteenth Brumaire.”

— *Sharon Snowiss and Paul Thomas*

New York

In the fall of 2005, the Columbia Seminar for Political and Social Thought hosted four meetings to discuss papers presented by Andreas Kalyvas, John Pocock, John McCormick, and Eric Nelson.

For the spring of 2006, the Seminar held one session in January, with a paper presented by Ian

Shapiro; and has papers scheduled for February 16 (Philip Pettit, Princeton), March 23 (Nadia Urbinati, Columbia), and April 20 (Uday Mehta, Amherst College).

We welcome participation by members of CSPT chapters elsewhere who are visiting New York City, as well as expressions of interest from other scholars. If you are interested in joining the seminar as a member or as a guest, please contact David Johnston at dcj1@columbia.edu.

— *David Johnston and Nadia Urbinati*

St. Louis

On October 21 and 22, Washington University in St. Louis hosted the annual conference of the Association for Political Theory. Some 150 political theorists from around the country (primarily political scientists and philosophers) attended. The panels covered the range of historical, analytical and methodological issues in political thought. Some notable panels included: “Rethinking American Narratives,” “Identities, Communities, Borders,” “Limits of Liberalism,” “Practice and Methods in Political Theory,” and “Early Modern Political Thought in Context.” The featured plenary speaker was Amitai Etzioni of George Washington University.

The Interdisciplinary Workshop in Social and Political Theory at Washington University has a packed schedule for the spring: on January 20, Steve Viner (Philosophy, Washington University) will present “State Self-Defense and Guantanamo Bay;” on February 3: Frank Lovett (Political Science, Washington University) will present “The Paradox of Voluntary Slavery;” on February 17, Susan Liebell (Political Science, St. Josephs’ University) will present “Lockean Switching: Imagination and the Production of Principles of Toleration;” on March 3, Andrew Rehfeld (Washington University) will present “Offensive Political Theory;” on March 9, Thomas Pogge (Philosophy, Columbia University) will present “Recognized and Violated by International Law: The Human Rights of the Global Poor;” on March 24, Jonathan

Bowmann (Philosophy, Saint Louis University) will present “Realizing Democracy and Freedom in the European Union: Challenging Subsidiarity in a Multi-perspectival Polity;” on April 14, Jason Burke Murphy (Philosophy, Saint Louis University) will present “Deliberative Capabilities and a Basic Income Guarantee;” on April 28, Elizabeth Markovits (Political Science, Saint Louis University) will present “Gods and Monsters: Arendt and the Sincerity Ethic in Deliberative Democracy;” and on May 5, Joel Anderson (Philosophy, Utrecht University) will present “Autonomy Gaps as a Societal Pathology.”

On April 7 and 8, John Bowen is organizing a *Politics and Pluralism* conference, with many local and out of town participants.

— *Frank Lovett*

Upstate New York

The first meeting of the Upstate New York Chapter of the CSPT for the Spring Semester, 2006 will be held on Friday, February 24th at St. John Fisher College. Our topic will be Fareed Zakaria’s recent book, *The Future of Freedom* (Norton, 2003).

— *John Harman*

Virginia

The University of Virginia has an outstanding series of speakers this year. These include: James Buchanan, Russell Hardin, Jeremy Waldron, Heidi Hurd, Thomas Pogge, Richard Dagger, Jeff Spinner-Halev, and Alan Ryan.

Stephen White’s *Political Theory and Postmodernism* has appeared in Chinese translation (Liaoning Education Press). A special issue of the journal, *The Hedgehog Review* (Summer 2005) contains the papers from a conference held in 2004 at Northwestern University on his book, *Sustaining Affirmation: The Strengths of Weak Ontology in Political Theory*.

In May 2005, George Klosko went to Central European University (CEU), in Budapest, to serve as outside examiner on a PhD dissertation on his theory of political obligation. He returned to CEU earlier in the fall semester and taught a graduate course on Plato’s political the-

ory. His book, *The Principle of Fairness and Political Obligation*, is also being translated into Chinese and will be published by Jangsu People's Publishing House.

Colin Bird has completed his book, *An Introduction to Political Philosophy*, which will be published by Cambridge University Press.

— George Klosko and Stephen White

NEWS EXCHANGE

Books and Publications

The Cambridge Companion to Adam Smith, ed. Knud Haakonssen (Cambridge University Press, 2005).

The Cambridge History of Eighteenth-Century Philosophy, ed. Knud Haakonssen (Cambridge University Press, 2005).

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