

Political Studies Association of the United Kingdom

Political Thought Specialist Group

The Political Thought Specialist Group of the Political Studies Association of the United Kingdom will be holding a conference on the theme of "Democracy and Its Critics: Ancient and Modern" at St. Hugh's College, Oxford University on 22nd October 2011.

The conference programme is as follows:

DEMOCRACY AND ITS CRITICS: ANCIENT AND MODERN
22 October 2011
at St. Hugh's College, Oxford

09:30 – 10:00: Arrival / Registration

10:00 – 10:10: Welcoming talk by Dr. Evangelia Sembou (Chair, Political Thought Specialist Group of the Political Studies Association)

10:10 – 10:50: Keynote Address by Prof. Richard Bellamy (University College London, U.K. / Chair, Britain and Ireland Association for Political Thought)
Title to be confirmed

10:50 – 11:30: Mr. Matthew Landauer (Harvard University, USA)
Wagging the Demos? Demagoguery and Popular Decision-Making in Democratic Athens

11:30 – 12:10: Dr. Jaroslav Danes (University of Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic)
Origins of Classical Political Theory as a Criticism of the Ideals, Values and Operation of the Athenian Democracy

12:10 – 12:50: Dr. Andros Loizou (University of Central Lancashire, UK)
Democracy, Polity and Aristotle's Middle Constitution

13:00 – 14:00: LUNCH

14:00 – 14:40: Mr. Barry Macleod-Cullinane (Councillor, London Borough of Harrow)
The Agora, the Ballot Box & the Politician: Bertrand de Jouvenel on Democracy & The Enterprise of Politics

14:40 – 15:20: Dr. Ricardo Blaug (University of Westminster, UK)
Information Processing in Public: The Assembly and Its Council

15:20 – 16:00: Ms. Ana Rita Ferreira (Portuguese Catholic University/University of Minho, Portugal)
Social-democratic Ideology: Liberal Democracy's Best Friend?

16:00 – 16:20: COFFEE / TEA BREAK

16:20 – 17:00: Professor Joseph Femia (University of Liverpool, UK)
The Classical Elitist Critique of Democracy: a Re-evaluation

17:00 – 17:40: Ms. Anthoula Malkopoulou (University of Jyväskylä, Finland)
Against Elections: The Political Thought of Abstention

17:40 –18:20: Dr. Yossi Nehushtan (The College of Management, Law School, Israel)
Is Democracy Possible?

18:20 –19:00: Dr. Marta Nunes da Costa (CEHUM, Portugal)
Democracy and Democracies – Between Theory and Facts

There is a participatory fee of £37.00, which will cover mid-morning tea/coffee and biscuits, a sandwich lunch and mid-afternoon tea/coffee and cake.

It would greatly facilitate our planning and logistics if interested persons would send a cheque made payable to "Political Thought Specialist Group of the PSA" to Dr. Zenon Stavrinides, Research Fellow, School of Law, The Liberty Building, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, U.K. by 30th September 2011.

Please do not hesitate to contact the conference organizers, Dr. Evangelia Sembou (evangelia.sembou@hotmail.com) and Dr. Zenon Stavrinides (z.stavrinides@leeds.ac.uk), should you have any queries (including queries of accommodation).

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