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I. REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

The PSA British Idealism Specialist Group was formally established on 2nd October 1999. Reports of the activities of the Specialist Group can be found at the following issues of the PSA NEWS:

PSA News, Vol. 11, No. 2 (June 1999), p. 17
PSA News, Vol. 11, No. 4 (December 1999), p. 20
PSA News, Vol. 12, No. 3 (October 2001), p. 13
PSA News, Vol. 13, No. 3 (October 2002), p. 10
PSA News, Vol. 13, No. 4 (January 2003), p. 13
PSA News, Vol. 14, No. 2 (July 2003), p.3

In 2003, the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group undertook the following activities:

PSA 53rd Annual Conference

Colin Tyler organised one panel at the PSA 53rd Annual Conference, University of Leicester, 15th-17th April 2003. The title of the panel was: "Sovereignty and the Community." The speakers were Maria Dimova-Cookson on "Community and Communitarianism in T. H. Green's Political Philosophy" and Colin Tyler on "Sovereignty and Democracy in the Political Philosophy of Bernard Bosanquet." Stamatoula Panagakou was the discussant. The panel was chaired by James Connelly.

Stamatoula Panagakou organised and chaired a "Symposium on British Idealism and Political Theory." The contributors were: Gary Browning, Maria Dimova-Cookson, James Connelly, Colin Tyler and Andrew Vincent.

International Conference on Anglo-American Idealism

Stamatoula Panagakou, on behalf of the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group and the R. G. Collingwood Society organised the International Conference on Anglo-American Idealism at the Olympic Centre for Philosophy and Culture, 20th-25th August 2003, Pyrgos of Elia in Greece.

The speakers were: Professor James W. Allard (Montana State University, USA) on "The Idealistic Transformation of Logic"; Professor Leslie Armour (Dominican College of Philosophy and Theology and the University of Ottawa, Canada) on "Rethinking the Absolute"; Dr. Pierfrancesco Basile (University of Bologna, Italy) on "Experience, Process and Reality in Bradley and Whitehead"; Dr. Jan Olof Bengtsson (University of Oxford, UK) on "Idealism and

Religion in Britain and America: A New Perspective"; Professor David Boucher (Cardiff University, UK) on "Collingwood, Idealism and the History of Ideas"; Mr. Thom Brooks (Sheffield University, UK) on "T. H. Green's Concept of Legal Right"; Professor Gary Browning (Oxford Brookes University, UK): "Collingwood, Hegel and the Owl of Minerva"; Professor Cristiano Camporesi (University of Florence, Italy) on "Belief and Credibility: Synoptic Theories in the Philosophy of the British Idealists"; Professor Gary Cesarz (Southeast Missouri State University, USA) on "McTaggart and Broad on Leibniz's Law"; Mr. Christopher Colgan (University of South Australia, Australia) on "The Ideal of Charity in the Realist Age"; Professor James Connolly (Southampton Institute, UK) on "R. G. Collingwood's Environmental Ethics: Nature, Art, Exploitation and Virtue"; Professor Derrick Darby (Northwestern University, USA) on "Taking Individuals Seriously: New Liberalism and Rights"; Dr. Karim Dharamsi (University of Winnipeg, Canada) on "Can Collingwood's Historical Metaphysics Save Davidson's Meaning Holism?"; Dr. Josie D'Oro (Keele University, UK) on "Collingwood and Ryle on the Concept of Mind"; Professor Phil Ferreira (Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, USA) on "Pain and the Absolute: Bosanquet on the Nature of Suffering"; Dr. Duncan Kelly (University of Sheffield, UK) on "Idealism and Revolution: T.H. Green's Lectures on the English Commonwealth"; Dr. Timothy C. Lord (Heartland College, USA) on "R. G. Collingwood's Response to Oxbridge Meta-Ethics: Hierarchical Moral Pluralism"; Professor Philip MacEwen (York University, Canada) on "Caird's Kant"; Mr. Domenico Mancuso (Universita di Urbino, Italy) on "A Mathematical Reading of McTaggart's Paradox"; Dr. Bill Mander (University of Oxford, UK) on "Life and Finite Individuality: The Bosanquet / Pringle-Pattison Debate"; Dr. Joseph McGinn (Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, USA) on "The One, the Many, and the Infinite: Royce's Quest for a Middle Way"; Professor Jeannie Morefield (Whitman College, USA) on "Inscrutable Liberals: Exploring the Influence of British Idealism on the Political Thought of Gilbert Murray and Alfred Zimmern"; Professor James A. Patrick (College of St. Thomas More, USA) on "T. H. Green, J.A. Smith and R. G. Collingwood on Teaching Philosophy"; Dr. Efraim Podoksik (Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey) on "How British Is Oakeshott's Idealism?"; Professor Avital Simhony (Arizona State University, USA) on "Reclaiming Liberal Communitarian Tradition: From T. H. Green to John Rawls"; Professor William Sweet (St. Francis Xavier University, Canada) on "A. R. Lord and the Later Idealist Political Philosophy"; Ms. Dana Tabrea (Al I Cuza University, Iasi, Romania) on "Collingwood, Eliade, Culiianu: Re-reading the Theory of Presuppositions"; Dr. Douglas Templeton (University of Edinburgh, UK) on "R. G. Collingwood and the Higher Mathematick of the Santorini Monks: $3 \times 1 = 7$ "; Professor Elizabeth Trott (Ryerson University, Canada) on "Is the Absolute Obsolete? Idealism in Transition in the Work of Leslie Armour"; Professor Andrew Vincent (University of Sheffield, UK) on "The Role of Logic in Bosanquet's Philosophy"; Ms. Penelope Voutsina (University of Sheffield, UK) on "J. M. E. McTaggart on Personalism"; Dr. Ben Wempe (Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands) on "T. H. Green's Theory of Positive Freedom: From Metaphysics to Political Theory"; Mr. Sverre Wide (Uppsala University, Sweden) on "Collingwood and Hegel or Kant? Absolute Presuppositions and Limits of Reason"; and Professor Ian Winchester (University of Calgary, Canada) on "The Notion of a Work of Art in Collingwood's Aesthetics".

II. LIST OF OFFICERS

Convenors: Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou (University of York), Professor David Boucher (University of Cardiff), Professor Andrew Vincent (University of Sheffield)
Secretary and Treasurer: Dr. Maria Dimova-Cookson (UCL)

III. LIST OF MEMBERS

The PSA British Idealism Specialist Group has 23 members. I enclose the membership list as a separate document

IV. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The membership fee is £2 (students, unemployed and retired), £4 (junior lecturers) and £6 (senior staff). The income of the Specialist Group for 2003 was: £750 (PSA Specialist Group Funding) + £54 (membership fee) + £227.60 (balance put forward from 2002). Total income for 2003: £750 + £54 + £227.60 = £1,031.60. We have spent: £230 (Hardship Fund). I enclose copies of the letters and receipts. The credit in the account now is: £1,031.60 - £230 = £801.60.

We tried to save money for the Annual Conference of the Specialist Group in 2004 which will mark the 5th anniversary of our Group.

V. PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 2004

PSA 54th Annual Conference (2004)

Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou has organised four panels on "British Idealism and Political Thought" at the PSA 54th Annual Conference, 5th-8th April 2004, University of Lincoln.

The speakers are: David Boucher on "Oakeshott and the Republican Tradition"; Efraim Podoksik on "Oakeshott: What Kind of Liberal?"; Suvi Soininen on "Michael Oakeshott's Conception(s) of Political Activity: The Figure of a Politician"; James Connelly on "Virtues of Character and the Character of Virtue"; Duncan Kelly on "An Idealist in Politics? Thomas de Quincey's Political Thought"; Andrew Vincent on "Is an Idealist Ethics Possible?"; Thom Brooks on "On Choosing Just Punishments: A Defence of T. H. Green"; Ben Wempe on "Green and Pettit on Freedom"; Colin Tyler on "T. H. Green and the Republican Tradition"; Derrick Darby on "Green on Rights and Slaves"; Maria Dimova-Cookson on "Idealist Perspective on the Link Between Moral Activity and Value Pluralism" and Stamatoula Panagakou on "The Anatomy of Religious Consciousness in the Philosophy of Bernard Bosanquet."

Annual Conference of the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group

22nd-23rd July 2004, Hatfield College, University of Durham. Organised by Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou and Dr. Bob Dyson.

9th Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas

Professor William Sweet chairs a Workshop on "British Idealism: Moral and Social Philosophy". The Conference will take place at the University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain, 2nd-7th August 2004.

Workshops in Political Theory

Manchester Metropolitan University, 15th-17th September 2004. Professor David Boucher organises a Workshop on "Idealism and Republicanism".