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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
- *PSA News*, Vol. 15, No. 3 (September 2004), p. 11

Website: <http://www.psa.ac.uk/spgrp/idealism.htm>

In 2004, the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group undertook the following activities:

1. PSA 54th Annual Conference

Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou organised three panels at the PSA 54th Annual Conference, University of Lincoln, 5th-8th April 2004. The theme of the panels was “British Idealism and Political Thought.” The speakers were:

- **Professor David Boucher** on “Oakeshott and the Republican Tradition”
- **Dr. Efraim Podoksik** on “Oakeshott: What Kind of a Liberal?”
- **Dr. Suvi Soinen** on “Michael Oakeshott’s Conception(s) of the Political: The Figure of a Politician”
- **Professor James Connelly** on “Virtues of Character and the Character of Virtue”
- **Dr. Duncan Kelly** on “An Idealist View of Politics? Thomas de Quincey’s Political Thought”
- **Professor Andrew Vincent** on “Is An Idealist Ethics Possible?”
- **Dr. Ben Wempe** on “Green and Pettit on Freedom”
- **Dr. Colin Tyler** on “T. H. Green and the Republican Tradition”
- **Professor Derrick Darby** on “Green on Rights and Slaves”

2. Annual British Idealism Conference

The Annual Conference of the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group was held in the Department of Politics and Hatfield College, University of Durham, 22nd-23rd July 2004. The Conference was organised by **Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou** (on behalf of the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group) and **Dr. R. W. Dyson** (on behalf of the Centre for the History of Political Thought of the University of Durham). The British Idealism Conference marked the 5th anniversary of the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group. The speakers were:

- **Dr. Colin Tyler** on “T. H. Green and Republicanism”
- **Dr. Josie D’Oro** on “Collingwood, Apriority and Philosophical Analysis”
- **Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou** on “Bosanquet on Religion”
- **Professor James Patrick** on “Collingwood’s Philosophy of Religion: Context and Failure”
- **Dr. Bob Dyson** on “Critical Humanism”
- **Professor James Connelly** on “Duties and Moral Rules: Milne’s Critique of Collingwood”

The highlight of the British Idealism Conference was a Symposium on James Connelly’s *Metaphysics, Method and Politics: The Political Philosophy of R. G. Collingwood*.

3. 9th ISSEI Conference: Workshop on British Idealism

Professor William Sweet organised a Workshop on “British Idealism: Moral and Social Philosophy” in the 9th ISSEI Conference: The Narrative of Modernity – Co-Existence of Differences which took place in Pamplona, Spain, at the University of Navarra, 2nd-7th August 2004. The Workshop was well-attended and all the papers generated a good and engaging discussion. The PSA British Idealism Specialist Group was represented by Professor James Connelly, Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou, and Professor William Sweet. The speakers were:

- **Professor James Connelly** on “Collingwood’s Moral Philosophy: levels, duty and virtue”
- **Professor Don MacNiven** on “Idealism, Homocentrism, and the Sin of Pride”
- **Professor David Crossley** on “A Unified Theory of Punishment”
- **Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou** on “The Anatomy of the Religious Consciousness in the Philosophy of Bernard Bosanquet”
- **Dr. Efraim Podoksik** on “The Idealism of Young Oakeshott”
- **Professor William Sweet** on “R. H. Hoernlé and Idealism in South Africa”

4. Workshops in Political Theory: Workshop on “Idealism and Republicanism”

Professor David Boucher organised a Workshop on “Idealism and Republicanism” in Workshops in Political Theory, Manchester Metropolitan University, 15th-17th September 2004. The speakers were:

- **Dr. Shlomi Segall** on “Political Participation as an Engine of Social Solidarity: Examining the Republican Case”
- **Dr. Daniel Schwartz** on “Is Equality Valuable Because of Its Presumed Contribution to Fraternity?”
- **Dr. Colin Tyler** on “Contesting the Common Good: T. H. Green and Contemporary Republicanism”
- **Professor David Boucher** on “Oakeshott and the Republican Tradition”

II. LIST OF OFFICERS

- **Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou** Convenor
- **Professor David Boucher** Convenor
- **Professor Andrew Vincent** Convenor
- **Dr. Maria Dimova-Cookson** Secretary and Treasurer

III. LIST OF MEMBERS

The PSA British Idealism Specialist Group has 25 members. I enclose the membership list as a separate document.

IV. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The membership fee is £2 (students, unemployed, retired), £4 (junior lecturers), and £6 (senior staff). Income of the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group for 2004:

- **£1,490.30:** PSA Specialist Group Funding
- **£801.60:** Balance put forward from 2003

- **£46:** Membership fee

Total income for 2004: £2,337.90

We have spent:

- **£665:** British Idealism Conference in Durham (July 2004)
- **£104.20:** Communications; organisational expenses & arrangements
- **£296.94:** Hardship fund
- **£560:** Grant for the forthcoming Collingwood Conference (July 2005)

Total expenditure for 2004: £1,626.14

The credit in the account now is: £711.76

V. PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 2005

1. 55th Political Studies Association Annual Conference

Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou has organised 3 panels on British Idealism in the forthcoming Political Studies Association Annual Conference, University of Leeds, 4th-7th April 2005. The speakers are: Dr. Thom Brooks, Ms. Gulshan Khan, Dr. Bob Dyson, Dr. Colin Tyler, Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou, Professor Paul Furlong, Professor James Connelly, Dr. Tim Rosser, and Dr. Maria Dimova-Cookson.

2. R. G. Collingwood Conference

Professor David Boucher organises the R. G. Collingwood Conference. The Conference will be held between 6th-9th July 2005 at Monk Coniston, Conistonwater, Cumbria. The R. G. Collingwood Conference is an event sponsored by the Collingwood and British Idealism Centre of the University of Cardiff and the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group.

3. Idealism Today Conference

Dr. Bill Mander organises the Idealism Today Conference, Harris Manchester College, Oxford, 18th-22nd July 2005.

4. A. J. M. Milne Memorial Conference

Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou and **Dr. Bob Dyson** plan the organisation of the A. J. M. Milne Memorial Conference, University of Durham, August 2006.