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## **I. REPORT OF ACTIVITIES**

The PSA British Idealism Specialist Group was formally established on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1999. Reports of the activities of the PSA British Idealism 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
- PSA News, Vol. 16, No. 2 (June 2005), p.8
- PSA News, Vol. 16, No. 3 (September 2005), p. 5
- PSA News, Vol. 16, No. 4 (January 2006), p. 7
- PSA News, Vol. 17, No. 2 (July 2006), p. 14
- PSA News, Vol. 17, No. 3 (October 2006), p. 8
- PSA News, Vol. 18, No. 2 (June 2007), p. 17

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

In 2007, the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group undertook the following activities:

### **1. Workshop on Multiculturalism and Moral Conflict**

**Dr. Maria Dimova-Cookson** and **Dr. Peter Stirk** organised the **Workshop Multiculturalism and Moral Conflict** at the Institute of Middle East and Islamic Studies, Durham University, 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> March 2007. The Workshop was an international gathering of scholars from different fields of political theory, political science, law, and philosophy. Four members of the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group took active part in the Workshop by chairing panels and contributing to the debates: Dr. Maria Dimova-Cookson, Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou, Dr. Colin Tyler, and Professor James Connelly. Dr. Tyler gave a paper on power and multicultural politics. More than fifty delegates from ten different countries attended the Workshop. The plenary speakers were:

- **Professor Peter Jones** on “Multiculturalism and the Limits of Respect”
- **Professor John Horton** on “Reasonable Disagreement”
- **Professor Tariq Modood** on “Muslims, Religious Equality, and Secularism”
- **Professor Chandran Kukathas** on “Multiculturalism as Anti-Power”

## **2. 57<sup>th</sup> Political Studies Association Annual Conference**

**Dr. Colin Tyler** organised two panels at the **57<sup>th</sup> Political Studies Association Annual Conference**, University of Bath, 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April 2007. The themes of the panels were: “History and Politics in British Idealist Political Thought,” and “Power and Society.” The speakers were:

- **Professor David Boucher** on “Oakeshott and the Study of the History of Political Thought”
- **Dr. Thom Brooks** on “Is F. H. Bradley a Retributivist?”
- **Professor James Connelly** on “A Tricky Thing to Get to Know: The Politics of Tradition”
- **Dr. Colin Tyler** on “Power, Intersubjectivity, and Basic Human Needs”

## **2. Workshops in Political Theory: British Idealism**

**Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou** organised a Workshop on **British Idealism: Philosophy, Society, and Politics** at the **Workshops in Political Theory Conference**, Manchester Metropolitan University, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> September 2007. The speakers were:

- **Dr. Mssimo Iiritano** on “At the Vanishing Point of Reason: The Place of Aesthetics and Religion in Collingwood’s Understanding of the Modern World”
- **Dr. Sverre Wide** on “Social Thought and the Sociality of Thinking: R. G. Collingwood on the Idea of the Social”
- **Professor Mathieu Marion** on “Collingwood on Autobiography: From History to Politics”
- **Dr. Rik Peters** on “Collingwood’s First Autobiography”
- Professor Leslie Armour on “Idealism, Politics, Rationality and Islam in British India”
- **Dr. Bill Mander** on “British Idealism and Poetry”
- **Dr. John Gibbins** on “John Grote and the Case for Cambridge Idealism”
- **Dr. Pierfrancesco Basile** on “Idealism, Society and Evolution: James Ward’s Naturalistic Idealism”
- **Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou** on “Bosanquet on the Idea of the General Will”
- **Dr. Giuseppina D’Oro** on “The Ontological Backlash and the Reasons/Cause Debate”

Other members of the Workshop on British Idealism were: Professor James Connelly, Mr. Steve Buckel, Dr. Andy Hamilton, and Mr. Stephen Leach.

### **3. Collingwood and Twentieth-Century Philosophy**

**Professor Mathieu Marion** organised in Canada the **Collingwood and Twentieth-Century Philosophy Conference**, 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October 2007. The PSA British Idealism Specialist Group and the Collingwood Society were among the sponsors. The Conference was attended by more than 60 delegates.

The speakers were: David Boucher, Laurent Jaffro, Jan van der Dussen, Maurice Lagueur, Christian Nadeau, Rex Martin, James Bradley, Giuseppina D'Oro, Guido Vanheeswijck, Steven Leach, Suzan Poyraz, Kenneth McIntyre, Richard Murphy, Carol Nicholson, Bill Wringe, Benoît Castelnérac, Victor Haines, David Davies, Fred Inglis, Chinatsu Kobayashi, Aaron Ridley, Réal Fillion, Vasso Kindi, Marnie Hughes-Warrington, Margaret Berci, Darren Hynes, Alexis Lapointe, Michael O'Neill, Brian Keenan, Karsten Stueber, Karim Dharamsi, Michael Beaney, James Connelly, Serge Grigoriev, Ian Tregenza, Shazia Lateef, Allan Janik.

### **4. Conference on Contract and Domination**

**Professor David Boucher** organised the Contract and Domination Conference devoted to a new book by Carole Pateman and Charles Mills. The Conference took place at the School of European Studies, Cardiff University, 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November 2007 and was supported by the PSA British Idealism Specialist Group.

The speakers were: Carole Pateman, Charles W. Mills, Terry Rees, Taroq Modood, Judith Squires, Paul Kelly, Nirmal Puwar, Terrell Carver, David Boucher, Steve Garner, and Mike Cole.

### **5. Annual British Idealism Conference**

**Professor David Boucher** organised the **Annual British Idealism Conference** in Gregynog, Wales, 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December 2007. The speakers were:

- **Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou** on “Religious Observance and the New Testament in Bosanquet’s Analysis of Religion”
- **Dr. Maria Dimova-Cookson** on “Social Justice of the British Idealists”
- **Dr. Bill Mander** on “The Ethical Philosophy of Edward Caird”
- **Dr. Colin Tyler** on “Authorship, Empathy, and Re-Enactment”
- **Dr. Richard Murphy** on “Collingwood, Objective Idealism, and Philosophies of Civilisation”
- **Mr. Chris Rolliston** on “Collingwood and Rules and Rule-Following”
- **Professor James Connelly** on “Victorian Gothic Horror by the Stove: A Christmas Ghost Story”
- **Professor Ian Winchester** on “Collingwood on Bradley’s Idealism”
- **Mr. Gene Callahan** on “Ideal Types and the Historical Method”
- **Dr. Chinatsu Kobayashi** on “Bosanquet, Collingwood, and Idealist Aesthetics”

## II. LIST OF OFFICERS

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

## III. LIST OF MEMBERS

The PSA British Idealism Specialist Group has 28 members:

1. Professor Kenneth Minogue
2. Mr. Peter P. Nicholson
3. Dr. Alberto De Sanctis
4. Dr. Giuseppina D'Oro
5. Dr. Richard Murphy
6. Dr. James Lund
7. Mr. Michael Kowalewski
8. Dr. Brian Trainor
9. Dr. Colin Tyler
10. Professor Rex Martin
11. Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou
12. Professor Avital Simhony
13. Professor Susan Daniel
14. Professor James Connelly
15. Professor Garry Browning
16. Dr. Jan Olof Bengtsson
17. Professor David Boucher
18. Professor William Sweet
19. Dr. Maria Dimova-Cookson
20. Professor Andrew Vincent
21. Dr. Chris Colgan
22. Dr. Tim Rosser
23. Dr. Thom Brooks
24. Miss Caroline Watkinson
25. Dr. Denys Leighton
26. Mrs. Amarjit Kaur Lahel
27. Mr. Matthew Bailey
28. Mr. Steve Buckel

I enclose the membership list with complete details 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 2007:

<b>£:1,370.87</b>	Balance put forward from 2006
<b>£1,500:</b>	Annual PSA Specialist Group Funding for 2007
<b>£500:</b>	Special Funding to the Specialist Group for an Extra Event
<b>£51:</b>	Membership fee for 2007

**Total income for 2007:        £3,421.87**

**We have spent:**

<b>£500:</b>	Sponsorship for the Contract and Domination Conference
<b>£500:</b>	Collingwood and 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy Conference
<b>£1000:</b>	Conference on Multiculturalism and Moral Conflict
<b>£750:</b>	British Idealism Conference in Gregynog, Wales
<b>£220:</b>	Invited speaker registration fee for the Workshops in Political Theory Conference in Manchester Metropolitan University
<b>£21.30:</b>	Hardship Fund
<b>£15.79:</b>	Communications

**Total expenditure for 2007:        £3,007.09**

**The credit in the account now is:    £3,421.87 - £3,007.09 = £414.78**

#### V. PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR 2008

1. One panel on British Idealism at the 2008 PSA Annual Conference, Swansea (Organiser: Dr. Colin Tyler)
2. Workshop on British Idealism at the Workshops in Political Theory Annual Conference, Manchester Metropolitan University (Organiser: Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou)
3. Annual British Idealism Conference at Gregynog (Organiser: Professor David Boucher)
4. Conference on the topic of British and Italian Idealism (Organiser: Professor David Boucher)
5. Conference on Liberty (Organiser: Dr. Maria Dimova-Cookson).

