

# Human Nature and Diversity

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## GRADUATE CONFERENCE IN THE HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT

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Senate and Jessel Rooms, Senate House, London, 9-10 May 2011

**Monday, 9 May 2011**

12.00-13.00 Registration and lunch

13.00-13:15 Opening remarks:

- **Prof. Jeremy Jennings** (Queen Mary, University of London)

13.15-15.00 First Panel:

- **Frank Poulsen** (European University Institute, Florence)

'The Political Thought of Anacharsis Cloots in the Context of Natural Law Theory'

- **David Rimoch** (London School of Economics)

'A comparative analysis of Montesquieu's liberal concept of liberty and Rousseau's democratic concept of liberty in Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*.'

- **Paul Sagar** (King's College, Cambridge)

'“Everything in this world is judg'd of by comparison”: Mandeville and Hume on Pride and Sociability'

Chair: Reto Speck (Queen Mary, University of London)

15.00-15.15 Coffee

15.15-17.00 Second Panel:

- **Matthew Adams** (University of Manchester)

'“Uniformity is Death”: Human Nature, Variety and Conflict in Kropotkin's Anarchism'

- **Puneet Dhaliwal** (University College, Oxford)

'Zapatista Autonomy: Indigeneity and Governing in Diversity'

- **Tommaso Giordani** (European University Institute, Florence)

'Homo Faber and Georges Sorel's Pragmatism: A Philosophical Analysis of *Réflexions sur la violence*'

Chair: Victoria Briggs (Queen Mary, University of London)

17.00-18.30 Keynote Address:

- **Dr Noel Malcolm** (All Souls College, Oxford)

'The Naturalisation of Natural Law in Seventeenth-Century Europe'

Chair: Prof. Quentin Skinner (Queen Mary, University of London)

18.30-20.00 Drinks reception in the Jessell Room, Senate House

20.00 Dinner in Bloomsbury

(This event will be for all those who wish to come and will cost approx. £15 per head)

**Tuesday, 10 May 2011**

09.00-09.30 Coffee

09.30-11.15 Third Panel:

- **William Callison** (Humboldt University of Berlin)

'Plurality, Diversity and Culture in Nietzsche's Typology of *Lebensformen*'

- **Shane Nagle** (Royal Holloway, University of London)

'The Importance of Political Violence in the Thought of Frantz Fanon and Carl Schmitt'

- **Maurizio Scandella** (University of Bologna)

'Nietzsche, Spinoza and the Psychology of the Political Body'

Chair: Mads Jensen (University College London)

11.15-12.00 Plenary Address:

- **Dr Gregory Blue** (University of Victoria)

'Learning from Diversity? Three Late Seventeenth-Century Libertine Sinophiles'

Chair: Joanne Paul (Queen Mary, University of London)

12.00-13.30 Break for lunch

13.30-14.45 Fourth Panel:

- **Samera Hassan** (Sussex University)

'Religious Confusion, Conflict and Reconciliation: *The Alcoran of Mahomet (1649)*'

- **Francisco Quijano** (National Autonomous University of Mexico)

'Alonso de la Veracruz: His Idea on the American Indians and His Alternative Political Project for the New Spain'

Chair: Lorenzo Sabbadini (Queen Mary, University of London)

14.45-15.15 Coffee

15.15-17.00 Fifth Panel:

- **Refik Güremen** (University of Paris I-Pantheon Sorbonne)

'Ways of Life and Natural Justice in Aristotle'

- **David Marjoribanks** (University of Kent)

'Justice, Ideology and Human Nature: Between Materialism and Idealism'

- **Iain Stewart** (University of Manchester)

'From Heidegger to Humanism: Plurality and Universalism in the Political Thought of Raymond Aron'

Chair: Adam Woodhouse Mowl (King's College London)

17.00-17.30 Closing remarks and discussion:

- **Dr Serena Ferente** (King's College London)

19.00 Dinner at Vats Wine Bar

(Exclusively for speakers)

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