



SPINOZA'S TTP: POLITICS, POWER AND THE IMAGINATION

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Monday 29th March – Wednesday 31st March

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17.30-17.45 Welcome

17.45-19.15 Keynote: Susan James (Birkbeck University of London), “Poetry in the Theologico-Political Treatise”

Chair: Steph Marston (Birkbeck University of London)

Tuesday 30th March

11.30 – 12.30 Panel 1: Puzzles in the TTP

Antonio Salgado Borge (University of Edinburgh), “God or *Natura Naturata*? Spinoza on the numerical identity between God’s essence and all things in Nature”

Emanuele Costa (Vanderbilt University), “Spinoza on Prophecy and Belief Justification”

Chair: Marie Wuth (University of Aberdeen)

12.30 – 13.15 Lunch Break

13.15 – 14.00 Jimena Solé (Universidad de Buenos Aires), “Truth, Obedience and Freedom. Some considerations on Spinoza’s concept of politics and its relation with philosophy”

Chair: Antonio Salgado Borge (University of Edinburgh)

14.00 – 14.15 Break

14.15 – 15.45 Roundtable: Mogens Laerke (CNRS, Maison Française d'Oxford, ENS de Lyon) and Martin Saar (Goethe University Frankfurt) on Democracy, Public Reasoning and the Imagination

Moderation: Dan Taylor (Open University)

15.45 – 16.15 Break

16.15 – 17.15 Panel 2: After-lives of the TTP

Jason M. Yonover (Johns Hopkins University), "Hegel and Spinoza on Religion and the State"

Yifan Song (Fudan University), "The Radicalization of Action and Social Transformation: A Spinoza-Hess-Marx Triangle"

Chair: Thomas Minguy (McGill University)

17.15 – 18.00 Break

18.00 – 19.30 Keynote: Beth Lord (University of Aberdeen), "Hobbes and Spinoza on equality, equalization, and equilibrium"

Chair: Dan Taylor (Open University)

Wednesday 31st March

10.45 – 11.30 Dimitris Vardoulakis (Western Sydney University), "On the sources of Spinoza's account of social formation"

11.30 – 11.45 Break

11.45 – 12.45 Panel 3: Intellectual sources and resonances

Ahmad Bostani (Kharazmi University), "Political Philosophy and the Imagination from Al-Farabi to Spinoza"

Matthieu Angevin (University of Aberdeen), "Spinoza against Hippocrates?"

Chair: Anthony Zirpoli (University of Aberdeen)

12.45 – 13.30 Lunch Break

13.30 – 14.30 Panel 4: Imagination and Authority in the TTP

Ki-myoung Kim (Freie Universität Berlin), “What would the institution of the universal faith in democracy look like?”

Gil Morejón (DePaul University), “Imaginary Authority and Critical Immanence: Spinoza’s Critique of Miracles”

Chair: Élaina Gauthier-Mamaril (University of Aberdeen)

14.30 – 15.00 Break

15.00 – 16.30 Panel 5: Imagination, Recognition and Hatred

Steph Marston (Birkbeck University of London), “Recognition-rebellion-freedom – emergent identities in Spinoza’s political philosophy”

Nicolas Lema Habash (University of Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne), “Spinoza’s political exception? The problem of sovereign interruption in the Theological-Political Treatise”

Marie Wuth (University of Aberdeen), “Daily Invectives: The State of Bitter Hate”

Chair: Jacob Zellmer (UC San Diego)

16.30 – 17.15 Break

17.15 – 18.45 Keynote: Hasana Sharp (McGill University), “I dare not mutter a word”: Truth, Lies, and Political Violence in Spinoza

Chair: Marie Wuth (University of Aberdeen)