

Between Rawls and Religion: Liberalism in a Postsecular World

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Thursday December 16		LUISS 'Guido Carli', Viale Romania 12	
8:45	Registration		
9:30	Welcome	Aula Toti	Raffaele De Mucci (Chair of Social, Political and Historical Sciences, LUISS), Sebastiano Maffettone (Dean of Political Science, LUISS) and Péter Losonczi (West Hungary and Antwerp)
10:00	Plenary	Aula Toti	Christopher Eberle (US Naval Academy) <i>Religion, Respect and War</i>
			Chair: Peter Jonkers (Tilburg)
11:00	Coffee break		
11:20	Plenary	Aula Toti	David Rasmussen (Boston College) <i>Accommodating Pluralism: Maffettone on the Later Rawls</i>
			Chair: Peter Jonkers (Tilburg)
12:20	Lunch	Mensa (Shuttle service to Mensa Viale Pola)	

		LUISS 'Guido Carli', Via Parenzo 11	
14:30	Panels	7	Andrew Lister (Queen's, Canada) <i>Public Reason and Religious Freedom</i>
			Mark Rosen (Chicago-Kent College) <i>Why (and to What Extent) Political Liberalism Should Accommodate Perfectionist Religious Groups</i>
			Chair: Mika Luoma-aho (Lapland)
		8	Domenico Melidoro (LUISS) <i>Principles of Secularism</i>
			Patrick Loobuyck (Antwerp) <i>Religious Arguments in the Public Sphere: Comparing Habermas with Rawls</i>
			Chair: Alessandro Ferrara (Tor Vergata, Rome)
15:40	Coffee break	9	
16:00	Panels	7	Richard North (Birmingham, UK) <i>Public Reason, Religious Restraint and Respect</i>
			Robert Talisse (Vanderbilt) <i>Justificatory Liberalism and Eberle's Agapic Pacifist</i>
			Chair: Mark Rosen (Chicago-Kent College)
		8	Mohamad Al-Hakim (York, Canada) <i>A Non-Public Defense of Public Reason</i>
			Michele Bocchiola (Witwatersrand) <i>Rawls and Religion: Une Liaison Dangereuse</i>
			Chair: Gianfranco Pellegrino (LUISS)
17:20	Plenary	Aula Magna	Maeve Cooke (University College Dublin) <i>Violating Neutrality? Religious Validity Claims and Democratic Legitimacy</i>
			Chair: Péter Losonczi (West Hungary and Antwerp)
20:00	Conference dinner	Hotel Fenix, Viale Gorizia 5	

Friday December 17		LUISS 'Guido Carli', Viale Romania 12		
9:00	Registration			
9:30	Plenary	Aula Toti	Andrew March (Yale)	<i>Reasonable Pluralism without the Burdens of Judgment? Explaining Disbelief in Islamic Ethics</i>
			Chair: Francesca Corrao (L'Orientale, Naples, and LUISS)	
10:30	Coffee break			
10:50	Plenary	Aula Toti	Zaid Eyadat (Jordan)	<i>Islamic Theorizing on Politics</i>
			Chair: Francesca Corrao (L'Orientale, Naples, and LUISS)	
11:50	Break			
12:10	Panels	303	Emanuela Ceva (Pavia)	<i>An Ex Post Legem Approach to the Reconciliation of Minority Issues in Contemporary Democracies</i>
			James Gledhill (London School of Economics)	<i>E Pluribus Unum: Overlapping Consensus and Transcendence</i>
			Chair: Maeve Cooke (University College Dublin)	
		201	Dara Salam (LUISS)	<i>The Limitations of Rawlsian Public Reason</i>
			Jack Weinstein (North Dakota)	<i>Overlapping Consensus or Marketplace of Religions: Adam Smith on Rawls and Vice Versa</i>
			Chair: Theo de Wit (Tilburg)	
13:20	Lunch	Mensa		
14:30	Panels	303	Samuele Sangalli (Gregoriana, Rome)	<i>Defining Justice: The Dignity of the Person and the Common Good</i>
			Theo de Wit (Tilburg)	<i>The Two Faces of Liberalism: Gray vs Rawls on Religious Toleration</i>
			Chair: Zaid Eyadat (Jordan)	
		201	Hans Ingvar Roth (Stockholm)	<i>Models of Religious Coexistence</i>
			Kevin Gray (American University of Sharjah)	<i>Rawls and Honor</i>
			Chair: Carmela Decaro (LUISS)	
15:40	Coffee break			
16:00	Panels	303	Valentina Gentile (LUISS)	<i>Religion and Stability in Divided Societies</i>
			Péter Losonczi (West Hungary and Antwerp)	<i>Bilgrami as a Critic of Rawls: On the Strategy of Emergent Secularism</i>
			Chair: Roberta Sala (San Raffaele, Milan)	
		201	Roberto Frega (Bologna)	<i>Expressive Pragmatism, Public Reason and the Place of Religion</i>
			Terrence Johnson (Haverford)	<i>Deliberating in the Dark: W.E.B. Du Bois and the Problem of Epistemic Diversity within Rawlsian Liberalism</i>
			Chair: Michele Bocchiola (Witwatersrand)	
17:10	Break			
17:30	Book presentation	Aula Toti	<i>Presentation of Sebastiano Maffettone, John Rawls: An Introduction (Polity, 2010)</i>	
			Ian Carter (Pavia), Darrel Moellendorf (San Diego), David Rasmussen (Boston College) and Paul Weithman (Notre Dame)	
			Chair: Gianfranco Pellegrino (LUISS)	
19:00	Aperitivo	202		

Saturday December 18
John Cabot University, Via della Lungara 233

9:00	Registration		
9:30	Welcome	Aula Magna	Franco Pavoncello (President, John Cabot University) and Tom Bailey (John Cabot University)
10:00	Plenary	Aula Magna	Paul Weithman (Notre Dame) <i>Religion, Citizenship and Obligation</i>
			Chair: Tom Bailey (John Cabot University)
11:00	Coffee break	GK1	
11:20	Plenary	Aula Magna	Johannes van der Ven (Radboud, Nijmegen) <i>In Due Time: Rawls on Religion in the Public Arena</i>
			Chair: Tom Bailey (John Cabot University)
12:20	Break		
12:40	Panels	Aula Magna	Micah Schwartzman (Virginia) <i>Reasoning From Conjecture</i>
			Mats Volberg (Tartu) <i>The Argument from Toleration: An Alternative to Rawls' Idea of Public Reason</i>
			Chair: Pam Harris (John Cabot University)
		GKG1	Arianne Conty (John Cabot University) <i>From Rome to Washington and Back Again: Empire, Democracy and the 'Return' of Religion</i>
			Benjamin Hertzberg (Duke) <i>Prophetic Witness in the Liberal Public Sphere</i>
Chair: Giancarlo Bosetti (Reset)			
13:50	Lunch	Tiber campus cafeteria, Lungotevere Raffaello Sanzio 12	
15:00	Panels	Aula Magna	Peter Jonkers (Tilburg) <i>Religion and Rawls: A Catholic Perspective on Rawls' Ideas of Public Reason and Truth</i>
			Bjørn Thomassen (American University of Rome) <i>Religion and Politics in a Postsecular World: The Relevance of Eric Voegelin</i>
			Chair: Arianne Conty (John Cabot University)
		GKG1	Enzo Rossi (Wales) <i>Legitimacy and Public Justification: Gaus' Justificatory Liberalism vs Rawls' Political Liberalism</i>
			Daniel Weyerman (Turku) <i>In Defense of Impartial Public Reason</i>
Chair: Terrence Johnson (Haverford)			
16:10	Coffee break	GK1	
16:30	Round-table discussion	Aula Magna	<i>The Place of Religion in Liberal Democracies</i>
			Giancarlo Bosetti (Reset), Alessandro Ferrara (Tor Vergata, Rome), Peter Jonkers (Tilburg), Péter Losonczi (West Hungary and Antwerp), Mika Luoma-aho (Lapland), Claudia Mancina (Sapienza, Rome) and Samuele Sangalli (Gregoriana, Rome)
Chair: Sebastiano Maffetone (LUISS)			
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