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Conference Location

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**Saturday Schedule**

**Introduction**
9:00–9:15 AM
Juliane Camfield (Deutsches Haus), Maria Piccone (Publisher, Telos Press), and Jay Gupta (Mills College)

**Plenary: Ethical Solidarity in Political Difference**
9:15–10:45 AM
Auditorium

*Moderator:* David Pan, University of California, Irvine

- The Politics of Virtue
  *Adrian Pabst, University of Kent*

- Mourning, Solidarity, and “Transversal Grief”: How Judith Butler Misreads Paris
  *Russell Berman, Stanford University*

- Global Philosophy and Global Ethics
  *Wayne Hudson, Charles Sturt University*

- A Moral Core in a Political Realist: A Centennial Reappraisal of Carl Schmitt’s
  *Die geistesgeschichtliche Lage des heutigen Parlamentarismus* in the Context of
  Contemporary Politics
  *Joseph Bendersky, Virginia Commonwealth University*

**Session 1: Democracy Now**
11:00 AM–12:45 PM
Auditorium

*Moderator:* Greg Melleuish, University of Wollongong

- Politics and Ethics of Global Social Movements
  *Thomas Ponniah, George Brown College*

- When Online Political Trickery and Gamesmanship Morph into Standard Practice:
  Computer Networking and Social Media Issues in Electioneering and Voting
  *Jo Ann Oravec, University of Wisconsin at Whitewater*

- The Folly of a Virtual Public: Civic Engagement and the Common Good in a Virtual Age
  *Kyle Nicholas, University of Notre Dame*

- The Kurdish Question in Turkey: The Black Holes of Democracy
  *Pekka Sulkunen, University of Helsinki*

- Can Centralization Solve the Global Democratic Deficit?
  *Rochelle Duford, Binghamton University*
Session 2: States of Nature  
11:00 AM–12:45 PM  
Seminar Room (for registered conference participants only)

Moderator: Marcia Pally, New York University

Caring for the Low-Carbon Self and Community: The Shifting Politics Behind the Ascetics of Adaptation and Ethics of Efficiency in Times of Rapid Climate Change  
Tim Luke, Virginia Tech

Evaluating Enlightenment: Progressive Critiques of Modernity in Rationalization and Ecology  
Lukas Szrot, University of Kansas

Comparative Understandings of the Human Political Actor: An Entryway into the Critique of Totalizing, Modernist Monopolies over Ethics and Politics  
Andrew Wender, University of Victoria

Is Renaturalization of Modernity Possible? Leo Strauss’s Criticism of Modernity and Max Horkheimer’s and Theodor W. Adorno’s Wrestling with Nature  
Natalia Zimnowodzka, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences

Slavery, Aristotle, and the Racial Historicity of the Human  
Sara-Maria Sorentino, University of California, Irvine

Lunch  
12:45–1:45 PM

Session 3: Philosophies of Right: Ethical Theory and Praxis  
1:45–3:15 PM  
Auditorium

Moderator: Joseph Benderksy, Virginia Commonwealth University

The Ethical Life of the State: Sovereignty as the Apotheosis of Self-Consciousness in Hegel’s Philosophy of Right  
David Pan, University of California, Irvine

The Rational is the Real and the Real is a Blooming, Buzzing Confusion: Hegel on Minding Our “Oughts”  
Jay A. Gupta, Mills College

Marxism and the Three Types of Ethics  
Satoshi Matsui, Senshu University

The Right to Be Stateless  
Michael Lewis, Berry College
Session 4: Political Theologies
1:45–3:15 PM
Seminar Room (for registered conference participants only)

**Moderator:** Adrian Pabst, University of Kent

The Impact of Separation of Religion and Politics on the Traditional Islamic Society: The Path to Power in Tunisia
*Hamza Zeghlache, Université de Sétif*

Theologies of Relationality as a Frame for Economic and Political Policy: Covenant, Trinity, and Salvation as Religious Tenets and Political Proposal
*Marcia Pally, New York University*

#Blacklivesmatter as a Secular Black Political Theology: Ethical and Practical Implications of the First New Black Social Movement of the 21st Century
*Kenneth Johnson, Oakland Community Organizations*

Ulu Al Amr and the Paradox of Modernity
*Hisseine Faradj, City University of New York, Bronx Community College*

Session 5: Secularism, Multiculturalism, Moral Relativism, and Terrorism
3:30–5:00 PM
Auditorium

**Moderator:** Tim Luke, Virginia Tech

Johann Herder, Early Nineteenth-Century Counter-Enlightenment, and the Common Roots of Multiculturalism and Right-Wing Populism
*Göran Adamson, West University, Sweden*

Does Terrorism Undermine the Credibility of Moral Relativism?
*Vicente Medina, Seton Hall University*

Coping with Popular Godlessness: Political Responses to the New Atheism
*Stuart McAnulla, University of Leeds*

Saving Mediation: The Topicality of Max Horkheimer’s Post-liberal Concept of the Political
*Thorsten Fuchshuber, Université libre de Bruxelles*
Session 6: Ethics in an Age of Mass Bureaucratization, Alienation, and Anonymity
3:30–5:00 PM
Seminar Room (for registered conference participants only)

Moderator: Jay Gupta, Mills College

Small Is Ethical: The Morality of the Micropolis
Maja Sidzinska, San Francisco State University

The Ethics of Freedom and Its Reification
Johannes Ernst Hoerning, University of Hong Kong

Acknowledging the Unacknowledged Legislators of the World:
Civic Poetry as a Nexus of Political and Ethical Convergence
Loren Goodman, Yonsei University

Small Is Beautiful . . . and Virtuous: MacIntyre Meets Schumacher via Douglas
Donald Wortham, College of St. Scholastica

Roundtable:
What is the Global Dimension of Ethical Life?
5:15–6:45 PM
Auditorium

Chair: Tim Luke, Virginia Tech

With Mustapha Tlili (EastWest Institute in New York), Wayne Hudson (Charles Sturt University), Adrian Pabst (University of Kent), Jay Gupta (Mills College), David Pan (University of California, Irvine), and Marcia Pally (New York University)

Dinner
7:15–10:00 PM
* Dinner is limited to conference participants who registered for the dinner option. Tickets will be provided at the conference.

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Keynote Presentation: Samuel Tadros
9:00–10:00 AM
Auditorium

Chair: Russell Berman, Stanford University

Islamism and the Crisis of Modernity
   Samuel Tadros, Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute

Session 7: America and Europe: Race, Identity, and Ethics
10:15–11:45 AM
Auditorium

Moderator: Jay Gupta, Mills College

Trump, Le Pen, and a Possible Re-Configuring of the Right
   Paul Gottfried, Raffensperger Professor of Humanities, Elizabethtown College

What is a “Good European”?
   Samir Gandesha, Simon Fraser University

What Is the “Ethico” in “Ethico-Political”?
   Jerry Miller, Haverford College

Self Interest, Virtue, and the Dilemma of the American Political-Economy: Towards a
Renewal of Ethical Care in American Civilization
   Terry Hoyt, PhD from Tulane University, 2000
Session 8: Ethical and Political Education
10:15–11:45 AM
Seminar Room (for registered conference participants only)

Moderator: Wayne Hudson, Charles Sturt University

The Failure of the Liberal Project of Education and Making Better, More Ethical Citizens
Greg Melleuish, University of Wollongong

Ignorance Studies, the Limits to Certainty, and Democratic Theory
Aryeh Botwinick, Temple University

Adam Smith’s Dilemma, and the Algonquian Model of Political Virtue
Brent Ranalli, The Cadmus Group

Bankruptcy and Human Value:
The Normative Assumptions of American Insolvency Law
Justin Storer, Lakelaw, Chicago, IL

Roundtable:
The Ethical State: Is Liberal Democracy the Only Game in Town?
12:00–1:30 PM
Auditorium

Chair: Adrian Pabst, University of Kent

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