

Friday 14 May 2010
Center for the Study of the History of Political Thought

Queen Mary, Mile End Road Campus
Physics Building, Room 602
10.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

An Interdisciplinary Symposium

Weber's Vocation Lectures



Speakers

Stephen Jacyna (Wellcome Trust Centre, UCL)

Duncan Kelly (University of Cambridge)

Peter Lassman (University of Birmingham)

Keith Tribe (University of Sussex)

Summary

Max Weber's twin addresses at Munich University in 1917 and 1919 -- "Science as a Vocation" and "Politics as a Vocation" -- stand among the seminal statements on the nature of modern politics and the social dimensions of scientific inquiry. The purpose of this symposium is to consider these famous lectures from a range of disciplinary vantage points. With the help of four expert speakers, the symposium aims to foster an interdisciplinary conversation on the significance of Weber's vocation lectures for the history of political thought, the history of science and medicine, political theory, sociology, and historical methodology. We will also consider the lectures in the context of Weber's other writings on politics and the sociology of science. The overarching goal of the symposium is to assess the salience of Weber's central concerns -- scientific authority, value-freedom, rationalization, bureaucracy, the state, and politics -- within various historiographical and disciplinary traditions.

There are a limited number of places for this event. If you would like to attend, please contact Joel Isaac:

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