

Imagined Worlds in the History of Political Thought
7th Annual London Graduate Conference in the History of Political Thought
Gavin de Beer Lecture Theatre, University College London

Day 1 — Thursday, 30 June 2016

10:00 — 10:30 Registration and coffee

10:30 — 10:45 Opening remarks: **Gregory Claeys (RHUL)**

10:45 — 12:30 Panel 1 — Transforming Socialist Utopias
Chair: Stephanie Conway (RHUL)

Michael Rupp (LSE/Potsdam)

“Rather a rejection of certain remains of Utopianism, which adhere to Marxism”: Rethinking Eduard Bernstein’s Revisionism

Vincent Garton (Cambridge)

“A future brilliant with hope”: Catastrophe, Utopia, and the Sorelian Transformation of Socialism

William Whitham (Princeton)

César De Paepe and the Politics of Collective Property in Socialist Thought, 1860-1890

12:30 — 13:30 Lunch

13:30 — 14:45 Panel 2 — Imagined Lands: Constructing Empire and Space
Chair: Shiru Lim (UCL)

Paul Butcher (Graz)

The Golden Dream of the Nations: Imagining European Unity in the Danubian region

Matthias Wong (Cambridge)

Imagining Ice and Infinity: Constructions of Place in the Antarctic and Outer Space Treaties

14:45 — 15:00 Coffee

15:00 — 16:45 Panel 3 — Man, God and the City
Chair: Sarah J. Wilford (KCL)

Giuseppe Cumella (Northwestern)

Education in the Ideal City: Aristotle on Performance & Political Judgement

Ian Gaffy (Cambridge)

Tolerance and the Imagination in Spinoza's Thought

Daniel Zimmer (Cornell)

The Time of Technology: Eschaton and Apocalypse in Carl Schmitt

16:45 — 17:00

Coffee

17:00 — 18:30

Keynote Lecture

Chair: **Angus Gowland (UCL)**

Melissa Lane (Princeton)

Imagined Scenarios: Plato as rival to Thucydides in Republic VIII

18:30 — 19:30

Drinks reception

Day 2 — Friday, 1 July 2016

09:30 — 11:15

Panel 4 — Labour and Prefigurative Politics in Radical Utopias

Chair: Shane Horwell (UCL)

Rutger Ceballos (QMUL/UCL)

Looking Backward to the Future: Edward Bellamy and the Promise of Utopian Modernity

Cailean Gallagher (QMUL/UCL)

The Breeding of Pleasant Work: the Political Economy of William Morris's Communism

Amelia Horgan (QMUL/UCL)

The Labour of Self-Knowledge: Gustav Landaeur and Romantic Anarchism

11:15 — 11:30

Coffee

11:30 — 13:15

Panel 5 — 17th and 18th c. Literary and Political Imaginations

Chair: Vanessa Lim (QMUL)

Lydia Mihailovic (QMUL)

“And so a World of Worlds”: Margaret Cavendish and the Poetics of World Plurality

Alvin Chen (Oxford)

Why not an Hyperborean Island? Imagined World and Commercial Society in George Berkeley's *Querist*

Adam Neikirk (Westfield State)

Frost at Midnight: The Coleridge-Crèvecoeur Connection

13:15 — 14:15

Lunch

14:15 — 16:00

Panel 6 — Utopias in Practice

Chair: Max Skjönsberg (LSE)

Anna Neima (Cambridge)

The Inner Life of a Utopia: 'Psycho-social Reorganisation' at Dartington Hall, 1924-1939

Jonah Coe-Scharff (Cambridge)

Urban Planning as Utopian Political Theory: Lewis Mumford and Paul Goodman, 1930-1947

Merve Fejzula (Cambridge)

Diaspora as Imagined Community: The First Congress of Black Writers and Artists, 1956

16:15 – 16:30

Coffee

16:30 – 18:00

Concluding Roundtable Discussion

Chairs: Vanessa Lim (QMUL) and Shiru Lim (UCL)

Quentin Skinner (QMUL)

Joanne Paul (NCH)

Gareth Stedman Jones (QMUL)

Gregory Claeys (RHUL)

on 'Imagined Worlds in the History of Political Thought'

19:00

Conference Dinner