



Centre for Political Thought

Political Theory Reading Group Spring Programme, 2022

Meetings are on Wednesday, at the usual time of 12.45-2pm, in Amory B105 (and on Zoom), unless otherwise indicated in the programme. A few meetings may be online only. We shall confirm arrangements week by week.

26 January – Robert Lamb (Exeter, Politics), “Richard Rorty and the Demands of Liberalism”

2 February – Douglas Thompson (South Caroline), Up from “the Strangling Hands of Oligarchy”: Du Bois on Bureaucratic Representation and Democratization in America

9 February – Oliver Roberts-Garratt (Exeter, Politics), “In the Absence of Conclusion, the Conclusion is Absence: Early Foucault and the Temporality of Crisis”

16 February (12.45-2.30pm) – Discussion of Joe Foweraker, *Oligarchy in the Americas* (<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-030-63146-8>). Introduced by the author. Discussants: Gerardo L. Munck (Southern California), Robert Mickey (Michigan)

23 February – Xiao Jing (Peking, Philosophy) and Ross Carroll (Exeter, Politics), “Eloquence and the Science of Politics: Two Essays by David Hume”

2 March – Irene Salvo (Exeter, Classics), “Compassion from Ancient Literature to Modern Psychology” (Selected texts)

9 March (12.45-2.30pm) – Roundtable organized together with Wellcome Centre for Cultures and Environments of Health (Exeter) on “Dying Well: A Community-Based Perspective” from the Lancet Commission on The Value of Death led by Robin Durie (Exeter, Politics).

16 March – Sarah Khan (Exeter, Politics), On the “hermeneutics of the self” (selected text by Michel Foucault)

23 March – Millicent Churcher (Freie Universität, Berlin), “Embodied Institutions and Epistemic Exclusions: Affect in the Academy”

30 March – Kate Townsend (Exeter, Politics), “Autonomy, Rights, and Philosophical Circularity: In Favour of an Interests-Based Right to Bodily Integrity for Children”