

Political Theory Reading Group

Autumn Programme, 2021-2022

Meetings are on Wednesday, at the usual time of 12.45-2pm, unless otherwise indicated in the programme. We are in a new room: **Amory B105**, with better IT facility for hybrid sessions. Meetings will normally be face-to-face, with the possibility of linking remotely. We shall see how it works and hope that the hybrid format will not cause any problem. A few meetings will be online only, particularly to accommodate speakers who are not able to travel to Exeter. We shall confirm arrangements week by week.

29 September – Sarah Drews Lucas presents her paper on ‘The Genius of Feminism: Cavellian Moral Perfectionism and Feminist Political Theory’

6 October (online session) – Alex Prichard introduces a chapter from Pierre-Joseph Proudhon, *War and Peace*, of which he has just edited the first English translation.

13 October (online session – this session is at a different time: 3.30-5.30pm)
Presentation of Ross Carroll, *Uncivil Mirth: Ridicule in Enlightenment Britain* (Princeton 2021)
Discussants: Emily Nacol (Toronto), Dan Kapust (Wisconsin, Madison), Robin Douglass (KCL). Followed by author’s reply and discussion

20 October – Kate Goldie Townsend introduces a discussion on Serena Parekh, ‘Beyond the ethics of admission: Stateless people, refugee camps and moral obligations’, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, Vol 40, 7, 2014, 633-45. [Cancelled]

27 October – Andy Schaap presents his paper on ‘Hemispheres Apart? Hannah Arendt and Claudia Jones on Citizenship’

3 November (online session) – Sandrine Berges (Bilkent University) introduces a discussion on Condorcet’s ‘Lament’ and Gouges’ ‘Exercise Books’: Abolitionist Arguments During the French Revolution.

10 November – Bingshu Zhao, ‘Superior amongst those of the same kind: Aristotle on Paternal Rule and Kingship’, a paper based on a selection from Aristotle’s *Politics* (Book 1, Chapter 1-3 and 12-13, on household; and Book 3, Chapter 14-18, on kingship).

17 November – Joanie Willett presents her new book *Affective Assemblages and Local Economies* (Rowman and Littlefield 2021)

24 November – Edward Skidelsky introduces a discussion of his Website on ‘Virtues of the Dead’ <https://epigraphs.net>

1 December – Lise Herman presents a paper co-authored with James Dawson and Aurelia Ananda on ‘How pluralist are the Political Sciences? Revisiting the Perestroikan critique two decades on’