

Centre for Political Thought

Political Theory Reading Group – January-March 2023

Meetings are usually on Wednesday around lunch time, in Amory B105, unless otherwise indicated in the programme. But, please, check the exact time and place for each meeting. Meetings on Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations will be in person only. Other meetings will be in hybrid format and occasionally online only. The Zoom link will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

Wednesday 18 January, 12.45-2.00 – Amory 105

Andreas Karoutas (Exeter, Politics) “‘What calamities! What horrors!’ Dystopia(s) and the Post-foundational Promise”

Wednesday 25 January, 16.00-17.30, Bateman Lecture Theatre / Building One

Lecture by Prof. Marlies Glasius (Amsterdam), presenting her new book on “Authoritarian Practices in a Global Age”

This event is organized in collaboration with the Exeter Global Authoritarianism Research Network, and together with other Centres.

From 15.00 to 15.30, in the Bateman Lecture Theatre, there will be a brief presentation of the Global Authoritarianism Network and of a new research collaboration between our Centre and other University Centres on “States, Rights, Constitutions”, followed by coffees/teas. Please, come along.

Wednesday 1 February, 14.30-16.30, Constantine Leventis Room / Building One

Seminar by Prof. Chris Armstrong (Southampton), “Biodiversity Offsetting: For and Against”. *This event is organized in collaboration with the Exeter Biodiversity and People Research Network.*

Wednesday 8 February – 12.45-2.15 – Amory 105

Readings from Ludwig Wittgenstein, *Philosophical Investigations* (§1-38, but particularly: §1-30; main themes: Learning Language / Meaning in Use)

Wednesday 15 February 12.45-2.00 – Amory 105

Readings from Ludwig Wittgenstein, *Philosophical Investigations* (§ 89-140, but particularly §90-110: main themes: Language Games / Rejecting Metaphysics / Rejecting Philosophy)

Wednesday 22 February, 12.45-2.15 – Speaker/Topic TBC

Wednesday 1 March, 12.30-13.45 – Readings from Ludwig Wittgenstein, *Philosophical Investigations* (§ 243-300; but particularly §250-280; main themes: Private Language / Pain and Psychology)

Wednesday 1 March, 15.00-17.00 – Lecture Room TBC

Prof. Simon Tormey (Bristol) will give a talk on a sociological interpretation of “populism” *This is a SPSPA Departmental Seminar*

Wednesday 15 March, 12.45-2.15 – Amory 105

Kate Townsend (Exeter, Politics), “The Child’s Right to Bodily Integrity”

Wednesday 22 March, 12.45-2.00 – Amory 105

Mathura Umachandran (Exeter, Classics) will introduce a discussion of the first part of Max Horkheimer and Theodor W. Adorno, *Dialectic of Enlightenment* (“The Concept of Enlightenment”)

Wednesday 29 March – Amory 105

Alex MacLaughlin (Cambridge), Topic TBC

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