



CEU Summer University



Konrad
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Stiftung

Summer University Course:

**Religion and Realism in Political Thought -
Historical Perspectives and Recent Developments**
Budapest, July 15th – 26th

- Directors:** Matthias Riedl, Department of History, CEU, Budapest, Hungary;
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Alison McQueen, Department of Political Science, Stanford
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Mark Philp, Department of Politics and International Relations,
University of Oxford, UK
Matt Sleat, Department of Politics, University of Sheffield, UK

Program

Monday, 15th

- 10:00 – 11:00 Opening remarks by the course directors and the residential representative of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Frank Spengler
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30 – 13:00 Opening discussion (Chair: Matthias Riedl/Hans-Jörg Sigwart): What is political realism?
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch Break
- 14:30 – 15:00 Computer Lab Tour
- 15:30 – 16:00: Library Tour at CEU
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break
- 16:30 – 18:00 Seminar (Chair: Matthias Riedl): Christian Realism I: Augustine's "The City of God"

Tuesday, 16th

- 9:30 – 11:00 Seminar (Chair: Matthias Riedl): Christian Realism II: Martin Luther's "On Secular Authority"
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30 – 13:00 Seminar (Chair: Hans-Jörg Sigwart): Eric Voegelin and Spiritual Realism
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch Break
- 14:30 – 16:00 Workshop (all faculty): Presentation of Student Papers in Workgroups
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break
- 16:30 – 18:00 Seminar (Chair: Hans-Jörg Sigwart): The death of Utopia: John Gray's political realism

Wednesday, 17th

- 9:30 – 11:00 Seminar (Chair: Alexander Astrov): Realism and Skepticism: David Hume & Hannah Arendt
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30 – 13:00 Seminar (Chair: Alexander Astrov): Realism versus Rationalism: Michael Oakeshott
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch Break
- 14:30 – 16:00 Workshop (all faculty): Presentation of Student Papers in Workgroups

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00 Public lecture by Alexander Astrov: “Pre-Christian, Christian and post-Christian varieties of realist 'prudence”

Thursday, 18th

9:30 – 11:00 Seminar (Chair: Matt Sleat): In the Beginning was the Deed: The Political Realism of Bernard Williams
11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00 Seminar (Chair: Hans Matt Sleat): Who Whom?: The Political Realism of Raymond Geuss
13:00 – 14:30 Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:00 Individual Research / Office Hours of Course Teachers
16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00 Public lecture by Matt Sleat: “Understanding Legitimacy in Realist Thought: Between Realpolitik and Political Moralism”

Friday, 19th

9:30 – 11:00 Seminar (Chair: Michael Gillespie): The anti-Trinitarian origins of liberalism
11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00 Seminar (Chair: Michael Gillespie): Russian Nihilism and Nechaiev’s “Catechism of the Revolutionary”
13:00 – 14:30 Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:00 Workshop (all faculty): Presentation of Student Papers in Workgroups
16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00 Public lecture by Michael Gillespie: “Machiavelli’s Modernity and the Christian Tradition”

Monday, 21st

9:30 – 11:00 Seminar (Chair: Harvey Mansfield): On the Majesty of Law
11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00 Seminar (Chair: Harvey Mansfield): Science and Non-Science in Liberal Education

13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:00	Workshop (all faculty): Presentation of Student Papers in Workgroups
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00	Public lecture by Harvey Mansfield: “Tocqueville on the Alliance of Religion and Liberty”

Tuesday, 22nd

9:30 – 11:00	Seminar (Chair: Mark Philp): How bad can it be good to be? The problem of dirty hands
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Seminar (Chair: Mark Philp): Practical Political Theory: Designing Principles for Public Life
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:00	Individual Research / Office Hours of Course Teachers
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00	Public lecture by Mark Philp: “Political Integrity in the Cave”

Wednesday, 23rd

9:30 – 11:00	Seminar (Chair: Chair: Alison McQueen): Political Realism in Apocalyptic Times I: Thomas Hobbes
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Seminar (Chair: Alison McQueen): Political Realism in Apocalyptic Times II: Hans Morgenthau
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:00	Workshop (all faculty): Presentation of Student Papers in Workgroups
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00	Public lecture by Alison McQueen: "Hans Morgenthau and the Cold War Apocalyptic Imaginary"

Thursday, 24th

9:30 – 11:00	Seminar (Chair: Hendrik Hansen): Religion and political realism in antiquity I: The Myth of Protagoras
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Seminar (Chair: Hans Hendrik Hansen): Seminar 2: Religion and political realism in antiquity II: Plato's "Republic"
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 16:00	Workshop (all faculty): Presentation of Student Papers in Workgroups
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00	Individual Research / Office Hours of Course Teachers

Friday, 25th

9:30 – 11:00	Presentation of Workshop Results in Plenary Session
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	Concluding Discussion / Awarding of Certificates
13:00 – 14:30	Farewell lunch
	<i>Departure</i>