

The First International Conference on "Ethics and Politics"

24-28 May 2006

Municipality of Heraklion

with the collaboration of
the Division of Philosophy,
Department of Philosophy & Social Studies,
University of Crete



**St. Mark's Basilica
Heraklion
Crete, Greece**

Wednesday, 24th May 2006

9.00- 9.30

Venue: St. Mark's Basilica (*SMB*)*

Opening Ceremony

9.30-10.30

Chair: **Stavroula Tsinorema**, University of Crete, Greece

Inaugural Keynote Address

Noam Chomsky, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA

Imminent Crises, Paths towards Solutions

Q&A

10.30- 11.00

Coffee break

11.00-13.30

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Plenary Session 1: Ethics & Politics

Chair: **Patricia Kitcher**, Columbia University, USA

Vincent Descombes, L' École des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), France

Le Fondement Philosophique de l' Autorité Politique

Anat Biletzki, Tel Aviv University, Israel

Peace as a Language-game of the 21st Century

Qiang Li, School of Government, Peking University, China

Cultural Pluralism in a Globalized World---A Confucian Perspective

Paulin Hountondji, National University of Benin, Centre Africain des Hautes Etudes, Porto-Novo, Benin (West Africa)

Political Ethics from an African Perspective

Discussion

13.30-15.00

Lunch break

15.00-17. 00

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Plenary Session 2: Ethics & Politics

Chair: **Paul Surlas**, University of Athens, Greece

15.00-15.45

Keynote speaker

Ernesto Laclau, University of Essex & Northwestern University, UK
Politics and the Ethics of Radical Investment

Q&A

15.45-17.00

Jacques Poulain, Université de Paris 8, France

La Culture Philosophique du Jugement:

Les Conditions de son Universalisation dans le Contexte de la Mondialisation

Martin E. Jay, University of California, Berkeley, USA

The Virtues of Mendacity: On Lying in Politics

Discussion

17.00 - 17.15

Coffee break

17.15- 20.00

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Plenary Session 3: Ethics & Politics in Times of Uncertainty

Chair: **Agnes Heller**, New School of Social Research, G.F. Philosophy, New York, USA

17.15-18.00

Keynote speaker

Jonathan Lear, University of Chicago, USA

Ethics in the Face of Cultural Devastation

Q&A

18.00-20.00

Robert E. Goodin, Australian National University, Australia

Terrorism as a Political Wrong

Marilyn Friedman, Washington University in St. Louis, USA

Female Terrorists: What Difference does Gender Make?

Ted Honderich, University College, London & University of Bath, UK

Right and Wrong, and Palestine, 9/11, Iraq, 7/7...

Discussion

21.00

Dinner

Thursday, 25th May 2006

9.00-11.45

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Plenary Session 4: Approaches in Moral & Political Philosophy

Chair: **Ioli Patellis**, University of Patras, Greece

9.00-9.45

Keynote speaker

Simon Blackburn, University of Cambridge, UK

The Melian Dialogue and Moral Philosophy

Q&A

9.45-11.45

Patricia Kitcher, Columbia University, USA

The Moral Core of Kant's Political Philosophy

Jerome B. Schneewind, Johns Hopkins University, USA

Solidarity and Universal Moral principles

Bhuvan Chandel, FISP, Panjab University, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, India

Primacy of Ends

Discussion

11.45-12.00

Coffee break

12.00-14.20

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Plenary Session 5: Ethics in Modernity

Chair: **George Roussopoulos**, University of Crete, Greece

Discussant: **Konstantinos Kavoulakos**, University of Crete, Greece

12.00-12.45

Keynote speaker

Agnes Heller, New School of Social Research, G.F. Philosophy, New York, USA

The two Pillars of Modern Ethics

Q&A

12.45-14.20

Jean-Yves Goffi, Université Pierre Mendès France-Grenoble 2, France

De la Dignité des Modernes

Richard Wolin, City University of New York (CUNY), USA

Religion and Public Reason

Discussion

14.20-15.30

Lunch break

15.30-17.15

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Paper session 1: Theory & Practice

Chair: **Wilhelm Vossenkuhl**, Ludwig-Maximilians- Universität Muenchen, Deutschland

Sabina Lovibond, University of Oxford, UK

Judith Butler on Political Agency

Sylvie Delacroix, University of Kent, UK

Taking the Law into our Own Hands: Challenges and Perplexities

Chris Norris, University of Cardiff, UK

On the Ethics and Politics of Deconstruction

Discussion

15.30-17.15

Paper session 2: Political Ethics in Modern Times

Androgeo Lecture Theatre (*ALT*)

Chair: **Andrei Lebedev**, University of Crete, Greece & Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

Ioli Patellis, University of Patras, Greece

Kant on the Republican State

Paul Sourlas, University of Athens, Greece

Between Law, Morality, Politics: Legal Principles

Stelios Virvidakis, University of Athens, Greece

Political Morality and Minimal Ethics

Konstantinos Papageorgiou, University of Athens, Greece

Cosmopolitanism and Just War

Discussion

17.15-17.30

Coffee break

17.30-20.30

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Plenary Session 6: Justice and Human Rights

Chair: **Simon Blackburn**, University of Cambridge, UK

17.30-18.30

Keynote speaker

Sir Partha Dasgupta, University of Cambridge, UK

Intergenerational Justice and Sustainable Economic Development

Discussant: **Anastasios Xepapadeas**, University of Crete, Greece

Q & A

18.30-20.30

Ashok Vohra, University of Delhi, India

Social Justice, Human Rights and Theories of Punishment: The Indian Perspective

Mogobe Bernard Ramose, University of South Africa, South Africa

Justice is Human, Injustice UnAfrican: an African Philosophical Reflection

Brian Orend, University of Waterloo, Canada

Health as a Human Right

Discussion

21.00

Dinner

Friday, 26th May 2006

9.00-10.00

Roundtable Session (proposed by participants)

10.00- 11.55

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Plenary session 7: The Ethics and Politics of Science

Chair: **Michalis Lambrou**, University of Crete, Greece

10.00-10.45

Keynote speaker

Philip Kitcher, Columbia University, USA

Knowledge and Democracy

Q&A

10.45-12.00

Ambrosio Velasco Gómez, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), México

Are the Sciences and Republican Democracy Compatible?

Suman Sahai, Gene Campaign, New Delhi, India

The BT Cotton Story and the Ethics of Science

Discussion

12.00-12.15

coffee break

12.15-14.15

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Paper Session 3: Science, Values and Society

Chair: **Maria Venieri**, University of Crete, Greece

Aristides Baltas, National Technical University of Athens, Greece

Ethical Values Determined by the Structure of Physics

Eftichios Bitsakis, University of Ioannina &

University of Athens, Greece

La Responsabilité Morale des Scientifiques

Panagiotis Noutsos, University of Ioannina, Greece

«Biopolitique»: une Vision du Monde sans Politique?

Yu Wujin, Fudan University, Shanghai, China
Contemporary Chinese Marxist Philosophy

George Contogeorgis, Panteion University, Athens, Greece
La Démocratie Comme Liberté

Discussion

12.15-14.15

ALT

Paper Session 4: Universalism, Tradition, Globalisation
Chair: **Konstantinos Kavoulakos**, University of Crete, Greece

Vadim Vasilyev, Moscow State Lomonossov University, Russia
Andrey Koliwanow: Forgotten Ethical Revolution in the Age of Enlightenment

Xianglong Zhang, Peking University, China
The Issue of Universalism in Confucian Ethics Today

Sergey Horujy, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Institute of Synergetic Anthropology, Russia, Honorary Professor of UNESCO
Crisis of Classical European Ethics – an Anthropological Perspective

Dimitris Dimitrakos, University of Athens, Greece
Tradition et Etat de Raison

Filimon Peonidis, University of Thessaloniki, Greece
"US Corresponding Citizens". A Democratic Fiction Scenario

Discussion

14.15-15.30

Lunch

15.30-19.00

Tourism

(Guided tour to Knossos and the Archaeological Museum of Heraklion)

19.00-19.30

Chair: **Tassos Philalithis**, University of Crete, Greece

Public Address

Evangelos Venizelos, Greek Parliament & University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Political Ethics, Ethics of Institutions and Ethics of History. From Modern to Postmodern Political Stereotypes

19.30-21.00

Symposium: Media and Democracy

Chair: **Serafim Fintanidis**, Director, Newspaper "Eleftherotipia", Greece

Ridvan Akar, Journalist & writer, Turkey

Turkish Media and Ethics

Meltem Ahiska, Boğaziçi University, Turkey
The Media and the Concept of the Public

Discussants: **Pantelis Boukalas**, Newspaper "Kathimerini", Greece
Stelios Kouloglou, Greek Television Channel -1

21.00

Dinner

Saturday, 27th May 2006

9.00-11.20

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Plenary Session 8: Bioethics

Chair: **Myrto Dragona – Monachou**, University of Athens & University of Crete, Greece

Arthur L. Caplan, Center for Bioethics, Department of Medical Ethics, University of Pennsylvania, USA

Do No Harm?: the Ethics of Using Living Persons as Organ Donors

Ruth Chadwick, ESRC, Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics (CESAGen), Cardiff University, UK

Stem cells, Ethics and Uncertainty

Donna Dickenson, Birkbeck College, University of London, UK

The Gender Politics of Genetic Patenting

Maurizio Mori, University of Turin, Italy, International Association of Bioethics

Why Moral Parents Will Ask for Assisted Reproduction in order to Have Children

Discussion

11.20- 11.30

Coffee break

11.30- 14.00

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Plenary Session 9: Bioethics

Chair: **Charalambos Savakis**, University of Crete, Greece

John Harris, Institute of Medicine, Law and Bioethics, School of Law, University of Manchester, UK

Enhancements are a Moral Obligation

Allen Buchanan, Duke University, USA

The Ethics of Enhancing Human Beings

Wilhelm Vossenkuhl, Ludwig-Maximilians- Universität Muenchen, Deutschland
How to Allocate Scarce Goods

Hilary Rose, City University, London, UK
The Limits of Bioethics: or Confronting the Elephant in the Biomedical Technology Room

Discussion

14.00- 15.15
Lunch break

15.15-17.45

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Plenary Session 10: Bioethics
Chair: **Kitsos Louis**, University of Crete, Greece

Regine Kollek, Research Centre for Biotechnology, Society and the Environment, University of Hamburg, Germany
The Individual – to be found in Translation? Paradoxes of "Personalised" Medicine

Steven Rose, Open University, UK
Neuroscience, Ethics and 'Neuroethics'

Georges Cohen, Institut Pasteur, France
Biologists and Eugenics

Jing Bao Nie, Bioethics Centre, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand
Eugenics in China: Prevalence, Ideology and Ethics

Discussion

17.45- 18.00
Coffee break

18.00- 20.40

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Plenary session 11: Contemporary Political Challenges
Chair: **Spiros Simitis**, Research Centre for Data Protection, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

18.00-18.45

Keynote speaker

Claus Offe, Humboldt- Universität, Berlin, Deutschland
Political Disaffection as an Outcome of Institutional Practices? Some Post-Tocquevillean Speculations

Q&A

18.45-20.40

Chantal Mouffe, University of Westminster, London, UK
The Political, the Moral and the Juridical

Alex Callinicos, King's College, University of London, UK
Critical Theory Confronted with a Global State of Exception

Sari Nusseibeh, Al-Quds University, East Jerusalem
Palestinians Demand Justice

Discussion

21.00
Dinner

Sunday, 28th May 2006

9.00-11.15

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"Nicos Giannadakis" Plenary Session 12: Ancient and Modern Conceptions of Ethics and Politics

Chair: **Carlo Natali**, Università di Venezia "Ca' Foscari", Italia

Discussant: **Cristina Viano**, CNRS/Université de Paris Sorbonne, France

9.00-9.45

Keynote speaker

Gisela Striker, Harvard University, USA

Ethics and Politics- One Subject or Two?

Q&A

9.45-11.15

Richard Seaford, University of Exeter, UK

Limit and the Unlimited in Ancient and Modern Ethics and Politics

Xiping Jin, Peking University, China

The Significance of a Reinterpretation of the Sophists for Democratic Political Consciousness in Contemporary China

Discussion

11.15- 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 -13.45

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"Nikos Giannadakis" Plenary Session 13: Ancient and Modern Conceptions of Ethics and Politics

Chair: **Gisela Striker**, Harvard University, USA

Discussant: **George Karamanolis**, University of Crete, Greece

11.30-12.15

Keynote speaker

Carlo Natali, Università di Venezia "Ca' Foscari", Italia
"Philia" and Political Community in Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics, and Today
Q&A

12.15-13.45

Vladimir Aleksandrovich Gutorov, St.-Petersburg State University, Russia
On the Relation of Aesthetic and Moral Principles in Plato's Cretan State

Anthony Price, Birkbeck College, University of London, UK
Political Friendship in Greek Philosophy

Discussion

13.45-15.30

Lunch break

15.30-17.10

SMB

Paper Session 5: Ancient Conceptions of Ethics and Politics
Chair: **Konstantinos Androulidakis**, University of Crete, Greece

Konstantinos Boudouris, University of Athens, Greece
Euthyphro: or on Strict Moral and Political Neutrality

Andrei Lebedev, University of Crete, Greece & Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia
Aristotle against Aristotle? The Reconsideration of the Theory of Moral Virtue in EN 6

Georgia Apostolopoulou, University of Ioannina, Greece
The Philosopher and the Politician in Aristotle's theory

Myrto Dragona – Monachou, University of Athens & University of Crete, Greece
Stoic Cosmopolitanism and Human Rights

Discussion

15.30-17.10

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Paper session 6 : Ethics in Politics
Chair: **Ioanna Kuçuradi**, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey

Vladimir Vasilievich Mironov, Moscow State Lomonossov University, Russia
Ontological Foundations of Ethics

Jean Philippe Narboux, Université Michel de Montaigne Bordeaux 3, France
Intention, Logical Space and Inertia: Sartre, Merleau-Ponty and the Moralistic Stance in Politics

Antonios Makrydemetres, University of Athens, Greece
The Morality of Governence: Speaking Truth to Power

Konstatinos Tsoukalas, University of Athens, Greece
Ethics, Politics and Education

Discussion

17.10-17.25
coffee break

17.25-19.15

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Plenary Session 14: Ethics & Politics

Chair: **Konstantinos Papageorgiou**, University of Athens, Greece

Discussant: **Stavroula Tsinorema**, University of Crete, Greece

Ahmad Jalali, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Iran to UNESCO
The Conceptual Relevance of Ethics and Politics

Aldo Tortorella, Istituto Gramsci di Roma, Italia
I Limiti Etici del Potere Costituente

Ioanna Kuçuradi, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey
On the Minimum Conditions of Ethical Politics

Discussion

19.15- 20.00

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Chair: **Chantal Mouffe**, University of Westminster, London, UK

Closing Keynote Address

Spiros Simitis, Research Centre for Data Protection, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Data Protection – an Uneasing Challenge. Reflections on the Fragility of a Democratic Society

Q&A

20.00 – 21.00

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Closing Roundtable Session: Philosophy and its Public Role

Discussants: Simon Blackburn, Agnes Heller, Philip Kitcher, Jonathan Lear, Carlo Natali, Gisela Striker...

21.00

Conference Close

21.30

Farewell Party

* Webstreamed Sessions (ICS- FORTH), open to the Media



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