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**“METAPHYSICS AND POLITICAL THOUGHT”**

**Thursday, March 28**

Registration: 4:00 – 6:00 (Sorrento Hotel)

**4:00 – 6:00:** Society for the Study of Process Philosophies (all MSA members welcome)

Chair and Commentator: George Allan (Dickinson College)

Brian Henning (Gonzaga University), “Whitehead in Class: Does the First Volume of the Critical Edition Change How We Understand Whitehead’s Thought?”

**6:30 – 7:30:** Welcoming Reception for Attendees (Sorrento Hotel)

**Friday, March 29**

Registration: 8:30 – 9:30 (outside Pigott 103)

**9:00 – 11:00:** Keynote Speakers (Pigott 103)

Introduction by Daniel Dombrowski (Seattle University), MSA President

Nancy Frankenberry (Dartmouth College), “Democratic Political Theory and Radical Contingency”

Derek Malone-France (George Washington University), “Silicon Supernaturalism: The Metaphysics of Nihilism in Contemporary Technofuturism”

**11:00 – 11:15**: Break

**11:15 – 12:15: Aristotle Prize Lecture** (Pigott 103)

Chair and Commentator: Zachary Calhoun (Tulane University)

Nicholas Anderson (Boston College), “Warming the Human Heart: Kant, History, and the ‘True Politics’ of Hope”

**12:15 – 1:45:** Lunch (on your own)

**1:45 - 3:15:** Concurrent Sessions

Session 1 (Marx and Marxism) (Pigott 103):

Chair and Commentator: Tom Jeannot (Gonzaga University)

Patrick Murray and Jeanne Schuler (Creighton University), “Social Form and the Metaphysics of Society”

Osman Nemli (Vassar College), “Theodor W. Adorno’s Political Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics”

Session 2 (Ancient Philosophy) (Pigott 102):

Chair and Comentator: Brandon Henrigillis (Marquette University)

Jeffrey Dirk Wilson (Catholic University of America), “Aristotle’s Best Constitution”

Mary Elizabeth Halper (Catholic University of America), “The Metaphysics of (Anti-) Politics: Callicles’s Conception of the City”

**3:15 – 3:30**: Break

**3:30 – 5:00**: Presidential Address (Pigott 103):

Introduction by Lawrence Cahoone—President Elect, 2020 (College of the Holy Cross)

Daniel Dombrowski (Seattle University), “Metaphysics, Political Philosophy, and the Process of Liberal Political Justification”

**6:00** Banquet (Sorrento Hotel)

**Saturday, March 30**

Registration 8:00 – 9:00 (outside Pigott 103)

**9:00 – 10:30:** Concurrent Sessions

Session 1 (Arendt and Heidegger) (Pigott 103):

Chair and Commentator: Michelle Mahoney (Memorial University, Canada)

Paul Wilford (Boston College), “The Politics of Hope: Hannah Arendt’s Inversion of Martin Heidegger”

Lucas Fain (Suffolk University), “Ontology or Politics: *Koinonia* in Heidegger’s Summer Course of 1924”

Session 2 (Philosophy East and West) (Pigott 102):

Chair and Commentator: Wes DeMarco (Clark University)

May Sim (College of the Holy Cross), “A Metaphysics of Politics through Natural Law: Comparing St. Thomas and Zisi”

Daniel Siakel (University of California, Irvine), “Political Dynamics of Vajrayana Metaphysics”

**10:30 – 10:45:** Break

**10:45 – 12:15:** Concurrent Sessions

Session 1 (Eclipse of Metaphysics?) (Pigott 103):

Chair and Commentator: Robert Neville (Boston University)

Lisa Landoe Hedrick (University of Chicago), “Anti-Metaphysical Trends and Implicit Metaphysical Assumptions”

Robert McDonald (Claremont School of Theology), “Has ‘Person’ as a Metaphysical and Legal Concept Outlived Its Usefulness in the Anthropocene?”

Session 2 (Nihilism and Fake News) (Pigott 102):

Chair and Commentator: Paulette Kidder (Seattle University)

Lissa McCullough (California State University, Dominguez Hills), “Voegelin on Locke’s Metaphysical Nihilism”

Russell Duvernoy (Seattle University), “Metaphysics and ‘Fake News’: Feeling Facts with Whitehead and Deleuze”

**12:15:** Lunch (on your own)/ MSA Executive Council Meeting (Room TBA)

**2:00 – 3:30:** Concurrent Sessions

Session 1 (Ancient Philosophy) (Pigott 103):

Chair and Commentator: Patrick Goodin (Howard University)

James Wood (Xavier University), “A Democratic Vision: Philosophy and the Forms in the City”

Robin Weiss (American University in Cairo), “The Stoic Concept of Community and its Metaphysical Basis”

Session 2 (Hegel) (Pigott 102):

Chair and Commentator: David Takamura (University of North Carolina)

Dylan Shaul (Vanderbilt University), “Hegel on the Metaphysics and Politics of Love”

Andrew Davis (Belmont University), “Flying at Night: Hegel on the Indeterminate in Metaphysics and Politics”

**3:30 – 3:45:** Break

**3:45 – 5:15:** Findlay Prize Lecture (Pigott 103):

Introduction: Richard Velkley (Tulane University)

William Desmond (KU Leuven and Villanova University), “Metaphysics, the Intimate Universal, and the Beyond of Politics”

**5:20:** Annual Business Meeting (Pigott 103), followed immediately by Past Presidents’ Advisory Board

**Sunday, March 31**

**9:00 – 10:30:** Concurrent Sessions

Session 1 (Ancient Philosophy) (Pigott 103):

Chair and Commentator: George Lucas (United States Naval Academy)

Brian Marrin (Universidad de los Andes, Bogata), “Anomaly as Ontological and Political Category in Plato”

Owen Goldin (Marquette University), “Aristotle, the Polis, and the Metaphysics of Usury”

Session 2 (Kant) (Pigott 102):

Chair and Commentator: Michael Baur (Fordham University)

Aaron Halper (Catholic University of America), “The Aesthetic Basis of Political Association in Kant”

Farshid Baghi (Villanova University), “The Concept of the Political in Kant’s Method of Metaphysics”

**10:30 – 10:45:** Break

**10:45 – 12:15:** Concurrent Sessions

Session 1 (Two Kinds of King) (Pigott 103):

Chair and Commentator: Daniel Dombrowski (Seattle University)

I-Kai Jeng (National Taiwan University), “Politics, Self-Knowledge, and Metaphysics in Al-Farabi’s *Political Regime*”

Robin Friedman (Independent Scholar), “The Philosopher King: Martin Luther King, Metaphysics, and Politics”

Session 2 (Schmitt and Jonas) (Pigott 102):

Chair and Commentator: Tyler Tritten (Gonzaga University)

Samuel Lee Yu-Sum (Chinese University of Hong Kong), “Pluriverse as *Complexio Oppositorum*: The Metaphysical Undercurrent of Carl Schmitt’s Political Thought in the 1920s”

Zachary Calhoun (Tulane University), “Revitalizing the Good: Hans Jonas on Nationalism, Nihilism, and Life”

**12:15 – 12:30:** Break

**12:30 – 1:45:** Panel Discussion (Schelling and Hegel on the Question of the Future)

Sean McGrath (Memorial University, Canada)

Maximillian Hauer (University of Leipzig)

Alisan Gen (Memorial University, Canada)

Kyla Bruff (Memorial University, Canada)