



***ETHICS IN THE CONFLICTS OF MODERNITY:
DEBATING MACINTYRE AND HIS RIVALS***

29 - 30 June 2017
University of Oxford



Thursday June 29th

8.45 - 9.00

Registration, Blackfriars Hall

Making Sense of Conflict: Not Realism but not Relativism Either

Keynote Address by John Haldane

Session 1: Critiques of Modernity and Liberalism

Presentations:

- *Feeding the Sociological Imagination: MacIntyre as a Reflexive Historical Sociologist of Modernity* (Peter McMylor)
- *The Joke is in the Word Only: MacIntyre and Williams on the Human Good and What Only Remains for Ethical Objectivity* (Tolis Malakos)
- *Morality (with a capital M): Modern or Biblical?* (Robert Stern)
- *After Heidegger: Obstacles and Challenges to the Revival of Aristotle in Late-Modernity* (Alexander Duff)

Chair: Michael Zuckert

Session 2: The Roots of Ethical Enquiry

Presentations:

- *Narrativity in Ethics* (Sophie-Grace Chappell)
- *MacIntyre's Philosophical Project and the Claims of Ethics in the Conflicts of Modernity* (Andrius Bielskis)
- *Debating Aristotle's 'Metaphysical Biology': MacIntyre's 'Ethical Functionalism' and Aristotle's Conception of Human Nature* (Eleni Leontsini)
- *MacIntyre, Marx and CLR James* (Paul Blackledge)

Chair: Stephen Mulhall

Session 3: Understanding Practical Reasoning

Presentations:

- *Criticizing Practices* (Peter Wicks)
- *Alasdair MacIntyre's Ethics of Practical Reasoning* (Christopher Lutz)
- *Complicating Practical Reason: Some Reflections on Ethics in the Conflicts of Modernity* (Joseph Dunne)
- *Character and Institutions* (John O'Neill)

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Friday June 30th

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Alasdair MacIntyre and Leo Strauss

Keynote address by Michael and Catherine Zuckert

Response by Stephen Salkever

Session 4: Applications of MacIntyre's Thought: *Politeia* and *Poiesis*
(Breakout Session)

Poiesis Presentations (Blackfriars Hall)

- *MacIntyre at Work* (Ron Beadle)
- *Teleology, Life Chances and Children's Well-Being* (Gideon Calder)
- *MacIntyre, Williams and Maritain on Art and Morality* (Tom Angier)
- *The Psychological Origins and Sociological Implications of Desire: a Girardian Response to MacIntyre* (Geoff Moore)

Chair: John Berkman

Politeia Presentations (Faculty of Classics)

- *On the Political Relevance of Moral Objectivity* (Geoff Sigalet)
- *MacIntyre, Justice O'Connor, and the Question of the Best Regime* (Nathan Pinkoski)
- *Human Rights: Liberal Fictions in Modern Law* (Mark Retter)

Chair and Respondent: Kelvin Knight

Session 5: Debating Contemporary Aristotelianism

Presentations:

- *Making NeoAristotelianism More Complete (AKA More Radical): A Marxist and Feminist Engagement with Ethics in the Conflicts of Modernity* (Jeffrey Nicholas)
- *Some Meta-Ethical Options* (Terence Irwin)
- *Whose Aristotelianism? MacIntyre, NeoAristotelianism, and Morality* (Jonathan Sanford)
- *MacIntyre vs. Other Contemporary Aristotelians* (Joe Brutto)

Chair: Catherine Zuckert