

# ALL-LONDON HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE MEETINGS

## Lent Term 2009

### ***The Choice Group Seminars***

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### ***The Popper Seminars***

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### ***Research Seminar in the Philosophy of Economics\****

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### ***The Colloquium Series Philosophy And Public Policy\****

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Unless otherwise noted, all seminars and events are held in T206 and are open to the public. For updated information online [www.lse.ac.uk/cpnss](http://www.lse.ac.uk/cpnss)

\* These are either research or taught seminars but they might also be open to interested people; please contact the seminar leader. Those attending are expected to read the relevant material.

**Monday, 19 January 5:15-7:00 pm**

**SIGMA CLUB**

**Fay Dowker**

Imperial College, London

*Dynamical Logic*

**Wednesday, 21 January 2:00-4:00 pm**

**PH555 RESEARCH SEMINAR IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF ECONOMICS**

**Sebastiano Bavetta (LSE) and Pietro Navarra**

*Interpreting and measuring autonomy: The theory*

**Wednesday, 21 January 5:30-7:00 pm**

**CHOICE GROUP**

**Richard Bradley**

LSE

*Revising Incomplete Attitudes*

**Monday 26 January 5:00-7:00 pm**

**PH551 RESEARCH SEMINAR IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF NATURAL SCIENCE**

**Tuesday, 27 January 1:00-2:30 pm**

**POPPER SEMINAR**

**Richard Arneson**

University of California at San Diego

*Favoring One's Own: Asocial Cosmopolitanism and its Associative Rivals*

**Wednesday, 28 January 5:30-7:00 pm**

**CHOICE GROUP**

**Franz Dietrich (LSE and Maastricht) and Christian List (LSE)**

TBA

**Monday, 2 February 5:15-7:00 pm**

**BRITISH SOCIETY FOR PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE**

**Juha Saatsi**

Leeds

*Scientific realism and the history of science: Solutions and open problems*

**Wednesday, 4 February 2:00-4:00 pm**

**PH555 RESEARCH SEMINAR IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF ECONOMICS**

**Sebastiano Bavetta (LSE) and Pietro Navarra**

*Measuring autonomy: From theory to data*

**Wednesday, 4 February 5:30-7:00 pm**

**CHOICE GROUP**

**Wulf Gaertner**

Osnabrueck and LSE

*Reference-Dependent Rankings of Sets in Characteristics Space*

**Wednesday, 11 February 5:30-7:00 pm**

**CHOICE GROUP**

**Elliott Sober**

*"What is Darwin's Theory?" or "Did Darwin Write the Origin Backwards?"*

**Thursday, 12 February 6:30-8:00pm, Hong Kong Theatre**

**COMTE LECTURE**

Philippe van Parijs (Louvain)

*European Democracy and the Language Question*

**Thursday, 12 to Saturday, 14 February**

**CHOICE GROUP**

LSE-Groningen Workshop Part I

**Thursday, 12th February** (all talks, except Comte Lecture, in T206)

- 14.00 Welcome and Introduction
- 14.10 **Boudewijn de Bruin (Groningen) Privacy, freedom, and information**  
14.40 - 14.50: Comments by Philip Cook (LSE).  
14.50 - 15.00: Comments by Luc Bovens (LSE).  
15.00 - 15.30: Discussion.
- 15.40 **Olivier Roy (Groningen) Game-theoretical results on value & judgment convergence**  
16.10 - 16.20: Comments by Jason Alexander (LSE).  
16.20 - 16.30: Comments Christian W. Bach (HEC Lausanne and LSE).  
16.30 - 17.00: Discussion.
- 17.00 Coffee Break (Common Room T116, First floor Lakatos Building)
- 18.30 **Philippe van Parijs (Louvain) European Democracy and the Language Question. Comte Lecture 2009.**  
Location: Hong Kong Theatre, Ground floor in St. Clements Building.
- 20.00 Comte Lecture Reception  
Dinner

**Friday, 13th February** (all talks in T206)

- 09.30 Coffee and Tea (Common Room T116, First floor Lakatos Building)
- 10.00 **Frank Hindriks (Groningen) Judgement Aggregation and Moral Responsibility**  
10.30 - 10.40: Comments by Ittay Nissan (LSE).  
10.40 - 10.50: Comments by Christian List (LSE).  
10.50 - 11.20: Discussion
- 11.30 **Sonja Smets (Groningen) Dynamic epistemic logic and belief revision**  
12.00 - 12.10: Comments by David Makinson (LSE).  
12.10 - 12.20: Comments by Franz Dietrich (Maastricht and LSE).  
12.20 - 12.50: Discussion

- Lunch (Common Room T116, First floor Lakatos Building)
- 14.00     **Philippe van Parijs (Louvain) Some dimensions of linguistic justice**
- 16.00     Coffee Break (Common Room T116, First floor Lakatos Building)
- 17.00     **Franz Dietrich (Maastricht & LSE) How a better understanding alone can change preferences - An axiomatic approach** (joint work with Christian List)  
 17.30 - 17.40: Comments by Jan-Willem Romeijn (Groningen).  
 17.40 - 17.50: Comments by Martin van Hees (Groningen).  
 17.50 - 18.20: Discussion.
- 19.00     Workshop Dinner

**Saturday, 14th February** (all talks in T206)

- 09.30     Coffee and Tea (Common Room T116, First floor Lakatos Building)
- 10.00     **Barteld Kooi & Allard Tamminga (Groningen) Multi-Agents Deontic Logic**  
 10.30 - 10.40: Comments by Conrad Heilmann (LSE).  
 10.40 - 10.50: Comments by David Makinson (LSE).  
 10.50 - 11.20: Discussion.
- 11.30     **Jan-Willem Romeijn (Groningen) A new resolution of the Judy Benjamin problem**  
 12.00 - 12.10: Comments by Katie Steele (LSE).  
 12.10 - 12.20: Comments by Richard Bradley (LSE).  
 12.20 - 12.50: Discussion.
- 13.00     **Wulf Gaertner (Osnabrueck and LSE) Closing Remarks**
- 13.30     Lunch and Discussion on the LSE-Groningen Network

**Monday, 16 February 6:30-8:00 pm. Venue: New Theatre, East Building**

**CPNSS PUBLIC LECTURE**

**Ivor Grattan-Guinness**

LSE

*Bertrand Russell (1872-1970), Man of Dissent*

**Tuesday, 17 February 2:00-3:30 pm**

**POPPER SEMINAR**

**Miklos Redei**

LSE

*Einstein's critique of quantum mechanics and local quantum field theory*

**Wednesday, 18 February 2:00-4:00 pm**

**PH555 RESEARCH SEMINAR IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF ECONOMICS**

**Sebastiano Bavetta (LSE) and Pietro Navarra**

*Toying with data on freedom and well-being*

**Monday 23 February 5:00-7:00 pm**

**PH551 RESEARCH SEMINAR IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF NATURAL SCIENCE**

**Monday 23 February 5:30-7:00 pm Venue: S221**

**PHILOSOPHY AND PUBLIC POLICY**

**Tania Burchardt**

LSE

*Measuring equality, in principle and in practice*

**Wednesday, 25 February 5:30-7:00 pm**

**CHOICE GROUP**

**Philippe Mongin**

CNRS and HEC Paris

TBA

**Monday, 2 March 5:15-7:00 pm**

**BRITISH SOCIETY FOR PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE**

**Ulrich Stegmann**

King's College, London

*Animal signals*

**Wednesday, 4 March 2:00-4:00 pm**

**PH555 RESEARCH SEMINAR IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF ECONOMICS**

**Sebastiano Bavetta (LSE) and Pietro Navarra**

*Autonomy freedom and redistribution*

**Wednesday, 4 March 5:30-7:00 pm**

**CHOICE GROUP**

**Ivan Moscati**

Bocconi and LSE

*The Money Pump Argument: An Appraisal*

**6 March 2009**

**HISTORY OF POSTWAR SOCIAL SCIENCE WORKSHOP**

**10:00am-10:45am**

Teresa Tomas Rangil, EconomiX-Cachan

Insurgencies across the Rice Fields: Social Scientists and Indochina, 1960-1975

**11:00-11:45am**

Tiago Mata, University of Amsterdam

Why were they fired? Allegations and judgments of political discrimination of social scientists in 1970s America

**12:00pm-13:30pm**

Lunch

**13:30-14:15pm**

**Romain Huret, University of Lyon 2**

Poverty in Cold War America: a problem that has no name. The invisible network of

poverty experts in the 1950s

**14:30-15:15pm**

**Daniel Geary, Trinity College, Dublin**

Economics and Sociology: Competing or Complementary Perspectives in the Post-World War II U.S

**Monday, 9 March 5:15-7:00 pm**

**SIGMA CLUB**

**Dan Parker**

Virginia Tech

*TBA*

**Tuesday, 10 March 2:00-3:30 pm**

**POPPER SEMINAR**

**Rosanna Keefe**

The University of Sheffield

*Relative Validity and Vagueness*

**Wednesday, 11 March 5:30-7:00 pm**

**CHOICE GROUP**

**Jacques Duparc**

HEC Lausanne

*Logic in Game Theory (tbc)*

**Monday, 16 March 5:15-7:00 pm**

**SIGMA CLUB**

**José Díez**

University of Barcelona

*TBA*

**Monday 16 March 5:30-7:00 pm Venue: NAB LG03**

**PHILOSOPHY AND PUBLIC POLICY**

**John Tasioulas**

Oxford University

*The nature and justification of human rights*

**Wednesday, 18 March 2:00-4:00 pm**

**PH555 RESEARCH SEMINAR IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF ECONOMICS**

**Sebastiano Bavetta (LSE) and Pietro Navarra**

*Autonomy freedom and the role of the state*

**Wednesday, 18 March 5:00-6:30 pm**

**CHOICE GROUP**

**Christian W. Bach (HEC Lausanne and LSE) and Conrad Heilmann (LSE)**

*Intrapersonal Connectedness and Backward Induction*

**18 - 20 March 2009**

**VOTING POWER & PROCEDURES (VPP)**

*Majority Judgement: a completely new voting system - Three public lectures*

**Lecture 1. Majority Judgement vs the Traditional View**

**Date:** Wednesday 18 March 2009

**Time:** 6.30-8pm

**Venue:** Wolfson Theatre, New Academic Building, LSE

**Speaker:** Michel Balinski

**Chair:** Rudolf V Fara

Balinski presents an introduction to Majority Judgement, a new voting model that proposes a solution to many of the pressing problems confronting representative democracy and its various current electoral systems.

**Lecture 2. Principal Properties of Majority Judgement**

**Date:** Thursday 19 March 2009

**Time:** 6.00-7.30pm

**Venue:** Thai Theatre, New Academic Building, LSE

**Speaker:** Rida Laraki

**Discussants:** Dan S Felsenthal and Moshé Machover

**Chair:** Dennis Leech

Laraki argues that the new Majority Judgement voting system is superior because it best ranks candidates according to merit. It best resists manipulation or "gaming the vote." It heeds majority rule. It is not subject to Arrow's impossibility, nor to most other classical paradoxes.

Professors Felsenthal (University of Haifa) and Machover (King's College London), in turn, will point out briefly some of the problems and paradoxes that do afflict the newly proposed Majority Judgement procedure.

**Lecture 3. Majority Judgement Compared with Other Voting Systems**

**Date:** Friday 20 March 2009

**Time:** 6-7.30pm

**Venue:** Thai Theatre, New Academic Building, LSE

**Speaker:** Michel Balinski

**Chair:** Maurice Salles

Balinski argues that, although the new Majority Judgement voting system is not perfect, Approval Voting fails in theory and in practice, and that Majority Judgement is better than Condorcet's and Borda's classical proposals, point-summing methods, first-past-the post and others.

Professor Michel Balinski is director of research at CNRS and the Econometrics Laboratory, Ecole Polytechnique, Paris and co-author with Professor Rida Laraki (Research Associate at CNRS) of the book *One Value One Vote: Measuring, Electing and Ranking* (Forthcoming, 2009) in which the theory of Majority Judgement is developed.

**More information:** <http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/VPP/>

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