

Sixth Biannual Conference European Society for the History of Political Thought:
In Search of the Common Good
University of Helsinki 25-26 August 2022



Domenico di Bartolo, *Ingrandimento delle mura dell'ospedale*, 1442-44 (affresco, Pellegrinaio di Santa Maria della Scala a Siena).

Day 1

9:00- 9:30 Welcome

9:30-10:45

Keynote conference (venue tba)

Martti Koskenniemi (Professor of International Law, University of Helsinki).

Law as Representative of the Common Good. Reflections from Legal History

10:45- 11:00 Coffee 1

Sessions 1 11:00- 13:30

Panel 1 (venue tba)

Chair Erica Benner

Andrea Catanzaro
University of Genova

**The common good as the outcome
of personal ethics in Plutarch's political
*Moralia***

Rebecca Kingston
University of Toronto

**Common good and public good through the
history of Plutarch reception**

Julien Le Mauff

**Aquinas, *bonum commune*, and the invention
of civic martyrdom.**

Panel 2 (venue tba)

Chair Kari Saastamoinen

Hans Erich Bödeker

**Debating the Common Good in
the German Early Enlightenment**

Brigitta Kinga Schvéd (online)
University of Pécs, Hungary

**Balance of power as the common good in the
public debate about the Peace of Utrecht in
English political media (1710–1713).**

Adrian O'Connor

University of South Florida/ St. Petersburg
**Reimagining the 'Common' and the 'Good':
Regeneration as an Enlightenment idea and a
revolutionary politics**

Panel 3 (venue tba)

Chair Heikki Haara

Chris Barker (online)

The American University in Cairo
***Ochlos, Idios, Koinos: Three Ways of
Thinking about the Good***

Zhen Han (online)

Fudan University, Shanghai
**Rethink De la Démocratie en Amérique:
Tocqueville on Nature and Democracy**

Minami Murata

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
(Kyoto University)
**John Stuart Mill and Athenian Democracy:
Utilitarian Approach to the Common Good?**

Bee Yun (online)
Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul
The Particularist Concept of the Common Good by John of Paris and the Positivist Understanding of Government in the Later Middle Ages

Jiyan Qiao (online)
Leiden University
Cultivated Spontaneity and the Common good. The Political Philosophy of Su Shi

Lunch break 13:30- 14:45

Session 2 14:45- 16:45

Panel 4 (venue tba)

Chair Alberto Clerici

Kaarlo Havu
University of Helsinki
Erasmus on Common Good and Conversation.

Tibor Bodnár-Király (online)
Eötvös Loránd University,
Institute of History, Budapest
Common good and *Gute Polizey* in Late Eighteenth-Century Hungarian Political Discours.

Lea Campos Boralevi
University of Florence
The Greatest Happiness of the Greatest number as Common Good

Panel 5 (venue tba)

Chair Ere Nokkala

Laszlo Kontler
Central European University
Political Ambition: The Concept in Montesquieu and in his Hungarian Reception (1748-1848).

Daniel Gustafsson
Lund University
The General Will and the Person of the State: Hermann Heller reader of Rousseau

Tommaso Giordani
University of Tallinn
Le bien commun de l'association: solidarisme and ideologies of welfare in belle époque France.

Elias Buchetmann
European University Institute, Florence
Hegel on the Salut du people

Panel 6(venue tba)

Chair Jani Marjanen

Peter Giraud
Department of Politics
Princeton University
Georges Sorel on Working-Class Rights and the Problem of Democratic Intermediation

Jukka Ruokanen
University of Jyväskylä
Constitution of Common Good in the Political Theory of Johannes Althusius

Bert Drejer
European University Institute
Althusius on local governance and the common good

Mark Somos & Edward Jones Corredera
Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law
Hugo Grotius and The Search of the Common Good: Lessons on the Global Access to Knowledge from the Grotius Census Project

Coffee break 2 16:45-17:00

Plenary session 17:00-18:30

City Hall reception 19:00- 20:00

Day 2 26th August 2022

9:00-10:15 (75 mins)

Keynote conference (venue tba)

Lea Ypi (Professor of Political Theory, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE))
Kant's notion of political progress and the idea of the highest good

Coffee break 10:15:10:30

Tamás Nyirkos
Research Institute for Politics and Government,
National University of Public Service Hungary
A political theology of the common good: Rousseau

Nicolai von Eggert
Kingston University: Kingston-Upon-Thames, London
General Liberty: Debating Abolition and Emancipation in the French Revolution

Marianne Sandelin
University of Helsinki, Common Good or the Seeds of "Totalitarianism"?
Common Good or the Seed of "Totalitarims"? Joseph de Maistre's Critique of Political Rationalism and Universalism

Felix Steilen
Freie Universität Berlin
Proudhon and Donoso Cortés on the Good in Society.

Colin Tyler
University of Hull
The British Idealists on Class Warfare and the Common Good: Philosophy and reform

Dominika Tabis
Doctoral School of Social Sciences, Jagiellonian University Cracow
Vision of social welfare - Marx vs Lenin

Session 3 10:30– 13:30 (venue tba)

Panel 7 (venue tba)

Chair Xavier Gil

Silvana D'Alessio (online)
University of Salerno

Against the Vices of Those Who Knew the Most: Boccalini's messages on Common Good in a Historical Perspective

Povilas Dikavičius
Central European University

Conflicting Visions. Common Good in the Deliberations over the Union of Lublin (1569).

Tomas Vaitkus
Vilnius University, Faculty of History

How to Rule? Dispute between magnates and szlachta in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in Sixteenth century

Walter Rech
Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies

Political Murder and the Common Good in Renaissance Venice

Panel 8 (venue tba)

Chair Hans-Erich Bödeker

Kadi Kähär-Peterson
University of Tartu

Common Humanity and the Common Good? Garlieb Merkel's Solution to the Problem of Serfdom.

Cezary Błaszczyk
University of Warsaw

Henry Salt's Creed of Kinship and the Common Good. (1851-1939)

Eleonora Buono
Alma Mater Studiorum – Università di Bologna
Beyond Self-interest: Common and Individual Good in Spencer's Thought.

Doron Avraham
Bar Ilan University
Transforming the Common Good: The German Ideal of Gemeinwohl Between the Seventeenth and the Nineteenth Centuries

Panel 9 (venue tba)

Chair Gaby Mahlberg

Liisi Veski
University of Glasgow

Searching for the limiting notion: draft of the 1937 constitution of Estonia and the rhetoric of the common good.

Patricia Chiantera
University of Bari

Common Good in the International Relations in the 30ies: Liberal Internationalism and the fragmentation of the British Empire between the two World Wars

Wenyang Gao
Brown University
The Rule of the People: A Republican Account of Democratic Legitimacy

Mark Hoipkemier
University of Navarra
From Above or Below? Reviving the mid-20th century German debate on the Common Good

Melike Cakan
University of Helsinki

**Internal Goodness vs. External Goodness:
Francis Bacon's Understanding of Civil
Knowledge**

Jaska Kainulainen
University of Helsinki

**Jesuits, noocracy and *commune bonum*, ca.
1540-1650**

Lunch break 13:30- 14:30

Session 4 14:30 – 17:30 (venue tba)

Panel 10 (venue tba)

Chair Cesare Cuttica

Juha Haavisto
European University Institute

**Consequences of Compromised Common
Good –An Attempt to Manage Human
Influences on Political Process in Restoration
England (1660-1666**

Niall Bond
University Lumière Lyon 2/

Department of the University of Johannesburg
**The emerging Welfare State (Sozialstaat) and
the common good in Ferdinand Tönnies'
understanding of community and society.**

Stella Casola
Milano – Italy

**Disagreement As Common Ground: The
Dialogue Between Religious and Secular
Citizens in Pluralistic Democracy**

Panel 11(venue tba)

Chair Erica Benner

Matilde Cazzola (online)
Max Planck Institute for
Legal History and Legal Theory
**The Common Good of Late 18th-century
Philanthropy: Reconnecting the Chain of
Society.**

Michele Basso
University of Padova

On common Good. Weber versus Plato

Eleni Papadogiannaki
University of Crete

**Aristotle in Seeking Common Good: Views
and Reviews**

Panel 12(venue tba)

Chair Adrian O'Connor

Desmond Johnson (online)
International and European Law
Program at the Hague University
**Deliberative Constitutionalism and the Quest
for the European Common Good**



Giovanni Lista
European University Institute
From National Interest to the “Common Good of Mankind”: Andrew Fletcher of Saltoun (1655-1716) and Seventeenth-Century Scotland.

Jimmy Lim (online)
Mcgill University, Canada
The Good of Justice: Or, Reconsidering the Genesis of Rawlsian Political Liberalism

Gal Gerson
School of Political Sciences
The University of Haifa, Mt. Carmel
The open society and the democratic common good.

Coffee break 16:00-16:30

Brian Kjaer Olesen
European University Institute
August Hennings and the monarchical state as a modern “res publica”.

Rouven Symank (online)
European University Institute, Florence
Solidarity and the Common Good.

Delia Popescu
Le Moyne College
On the Altar of Progress: The “Common Good” and the Romani Minority in Romanian Securitate/Secret Police files before 1989.

Alan Coffee
Kings College London
Women, Patriarchy and the Republican Logic of the Common Good”.

Topi Houni
University of Helsinki
The Common Good as a Rhetorical Tool to Articulate and Politicize Conflicts of Interest

Floris van Doorn
University of Helsinki
The ‘European Migrant Crisis’, the Valletta Summit on Migration, and the Emergence of the EUTFA: in search of the *Summum Bonum* at Europe’s African Frontier

Ferenc Horcher
National University of Public Service, Research Institute of Politics and Government
Urban liberty as a common good in the European urban tradition

**University Reception 18:00 – 19:30 event hosted by prof. Markku Peltonen
Christina Hall, Main Building (Unioninkatu 34)**

This year the European Society for the History of Political Thought has decided to honour Emeritus professor of Ancient and Medieval Political Thought, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and co-editor of the international journal History of Political Thought **Janet Coleman** with its Lifetime Achievement Award.

The organising committee: Adriana Luna-Fabritius, Erica Benner, Jani Marjanen, Ere Nokkala and Heikki Haara.

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