

# liberal neutrality: a re-evaluation

## programme

### Thursday, May 1st

- 9:15-9:55 **Peter De Marneffe** (Arizona State University)  
*The Possibility and Desirability of Neutrality*
- 9:55-10:35 **Jacob Levy** (McGill University)  
*Is Neutrality Sustainable?*
- 10:35-10:50 Break
- 10:50-11:30 **Ruwen Ogien** (CNRS-Paris)  
*A Minimalist Justification for State Neutrality*
- 11:30-11:50 Commentator: **Daniel Weinstock**
- 11:50-12:30 Discussion
- Lunch
- 1:45-2:25 **Richard Arneson** (University of California, San Diego)  
*Neutrality and Political Liberalism*
- 2:25-3:05 **Alan Patten** (Princeton University)  
*Religious Accommodations and Liberal Neutrality*
- 3:05-3:20 Break
- 3:20-4:00 **George Crowder** (Flinders University)  
*Neutrality and Liberal Pluralism*
- 4:00-4:20 Commentator : **Joe Heath**
- 4:20-5:00 Discussion

### Saturday, May 3

## Graduate Students and Young Scholars Workshop

#### Panel 1 : Characterizing Neutrality

- 9:00-9:20 **Alexa Zellentin** (Keble College, University of Oxford)  
*Neutrality as a Twofold Principle*
- 9:20-9:40 **Marc Rügger** (Fribourg University)  
*Neutrality and Toleration as a Political Virtue*
- 9:40-10:00 **Christopher Lowry** (Queen's University)  
*Beyond Equality of What: Sen and Neutrality*
- 10:00-10:10 Commentator : **Geneviève Rousselière**
- 10:10-10:45 Discussion
- 10:45-11:00 Break

#### Panel 2 : Neutrality and Perfectionism

- 11:00-11:20 **Oran Moked** (Columbia University)  
*Perfectionism, Economic (Dis)incentives and Political Coercion*
- 11:20-11:40 **Ben Colburn** (University of Cambridge)  
*Neutrality, Anti-perfectionism and Autonomy*
- 11:40-11:50 Commentator : **Colin Macleod**
- 11:50-12:15 Discussion
- 12:15 Lunch

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### Friday, May 2

- 9:00-9:40 **Christine Sypnowich** (Queen's University)  
*Human Flourishing : a New Approach to Equality*
- 9:40-10:20 **George Sher** (Rice University)  
*Perfectionism and Democracy*
- 10:20-10:35 Break
- 10:35-11:15 **Steven Wall** (Bowling Green State University)  
*Pluralistic Perfectionism and Restricted Neutrality*
- 11:15-11:35 Commentator: **Arash Abizadeh**
- 11:35-12:15 Discussion
- Lunch
- 1:30-2:10 **Stephen Macedo** (Princeton University)  
*Neutrality and Public Reason*
- 2:10-2:40 **Anthony Appiah** (Princeton University)  
*Expressive and Instrumental Neutrality*
- 2:40-2:55 Break
- 2:55-3:35 **Charles Larmore** (Brown University)  
*Principles and Applications*
- 3:35-3:55 Commentator : **Colin Macleod**
- 3:55-4:35 Discussion

#### Panel 3 : Should Neutrality Be Thought On Epistemological Grounds?

- 1:30-1:50 **Mariano Garreta-Leclercq** (University of Buenos Aires)  
*A New Epistemological Argument In Support of Liberal Neutrality*
- 1:50-2:10 **Ian Carroll** (Nuffield College, University of Oxford)  
*Neutrality and Moral Scepticism - A Contractarian Approach*
- 2:10-2:30 **Chad Horne** (University of Toronto)  
*Liberal Neutrality and the Asymmetry Argument*
- 2:30-2:40 Commentator : **Roberto Merrill**
- 2:40-3:15 Discussion
- 3:15-3:45 Break

#### Panel 4 : Neutrality Applied to Specific Policies

- 3:45-4:05 **Patrick Turmel** (University of Toronto)  
*Liberal Neutrality and the Polycentric City*
- 4:05-4:25 **Andrew Lister** (Queen's University)  
*Public Reason, Liberal Neutrality and (Same-Sex) Marriage*
- 4:25-4:35 Commentator : **Daniel Weinstock**
- 4:35-5:15 Discussion
- 5:15 End of the Workshop

