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THINKING THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL

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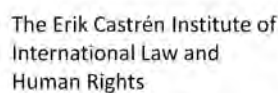
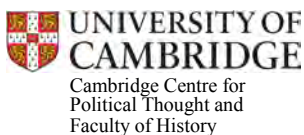
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In recent years, two decisive trends have occurred in the fields of international law and the history of political thought. The ‘historical turn’ in international law has involved students of that discipline in intense reflection on what kind of history international law can, and should, have. At the same time, the history of political thought has been undergoing an ‘international’ (or indeed a global) turn, changing its focus from questions largely generated by conceptualising the state or polity in isolation to questions arising from thinking of politics and polities in relation to others. As a result, international lawyers and historians of political thought have increasingly been reading each other’s work, meeting each other at conferences, etc., to their mutual benefit. Nevertheless, neither turn has been methodologically very comfortable for its participants, nor have people from either discipline got together to try to think through, in any systematic way, where it is that the history of political thought and the history of international law come together, and where – and if – they must necessarily divide. What is it to do one or the other? This conference aims to address that subject by bringing together some of the most distinguished practitioners in both fields for a sustained discussion. We begin with a directly methodological opening session, and then proceed to think through the historical in international law, and the international in the history of political thought, in a series of themed conversations. Reflections and a roundtable will bring the discussions to a close, if not a conclusion.

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DETAILS OF PRESENTATIONS

MONDAY MAY 16TH

METHOD

Chairs: Martti Koskenniemi; John Robertson

9.45–11.00

Anne Orford (Melbourne)

Meaning and Understanding in International Law and Intellectual History

Richard Tuck (Harvard)

Historicising International Law, Internationalising the History of Political Thought

11.30–12.45

Gerry Simpson (LSE)

After Method

Jennifer Pitts (Chicago)

Law of Nations, World of Empires: The Politics of Law's Conceptual Frames

PROGRESS & INNOVATION

Chair: Duncan Kelly

14.15–15.30

David Kennedy (Harvard)

The Context for Context: International Legal History in Struggle

Joel Isaac (Cambridge)

Progress, Innovation and Conceptual Change

INSTITUTIONS

Chair: Lauren Benton

16.00–17.15

Megan Donaldson (Cambridge)

Ventriloquism in Geneva: The League of Nations and the Idea of an International Organization

Julia McClure (Warwick)

Frontiers of Dispossession

TUESDAY MAY 17TH

GENDER

Chair: Anne Orford

9.30–10.45

Karen Knop (Toronto)

Feminism and the Lost Private Side of International Law

Anna Becker (Basel)

Gender in the State of Nature

ECONOMY

Chair: David Runciman

11.15–12.30

Duncan Kennedy (Harvard)

The Conundrum of the Varieties of Capitalism

Gareth Stedman-Jones (QMUL)

Marx and the Question of Dictatorship

THE STATE

Chair: Richard Tuck

14.00–15.15

Armin von Bogdandy (Max Planck, Heidelberg)

Thinking the State through the International: Pondering Schmitt's Concept of the Political

Duncan Kelly (Cambridge)

International Law and the First World War

REFLECTIONS

15.45–17.45

Annabel Brett (Cambridge)

Roundtable including Nathaniel Berman (Brown), David Runciman (Cambridge), Lauren Benton (Vanderbilt), Shruti Kapila (Cambridge)

PROGRAMME

Monday May 16th

9.00 Registration

9.25 Welcome and introduction by Martti Koskenniemi (Helsinki)

METHOD

9.45 Anne Orford (Melbourne) • Richard Tuck (Harvard)

11.00 Coffee

11.30 Gerry Simpson (LSE) • Jennifer Pitts (Chicago)

12.45 – 14.15 Lunch

PROGRESS & INNOVATION

14.15 David Kennedy (Harvard) • Joel Isaac (Cambridge)

15.30 Tea

INSTITUTIONS

16.00 – 5.15 Megan Donaldson (Cambridge) • Julia McClure (Warwick)

Reception for all, Clare College gardens

Tuesday May 17th

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7.30 *Conference dinner (speakers and those booked to attend), Gonville & Caius College*

Lunches

Attendees who booked with a standard registration have lunch provided at the conference facilities (marked ① on the map overleaf). Attendees who booked with a student registration do not have lunch provided on-site, but there are many possibilities around Trumpington St and Market Square (③), accessible by a short walk through Clare College's main grounds (②).

Michaelhouse Café (④), a small independent venue, offers a 10% discount on food on presentation of your conference name badge. The café is located inside St Michael's Church, Trinity St, and is accessed through the main Clare College grounds, and then via Trinity Lane and Senate House Passage. There are other options nearby. Alternatively, remaining on the Memorial Court side of the river, there is the Granta pub (heading south along Queen's Rd, passing West Rd and Sidgwick Ave/Silver St); or the Punter gastropub (heading north along Queen's Rd, curving to the right past Madingley Rd intersection).

LOCATION / TRAVEL DETAILS

The conference will be held at: Gillespie Centre
Clare College, Memorial Court (*note, not the main Clare College site*)
Queen's Road
Cambridge
CB3 9AJ

Enter via Porters' Lodge, on Queen's Road.



From the railway station to the conference, the quickest way is taxi (usually available at station, cost approx. £10–12) or bus into city centre, and then walking.

From the conference to the centre of Cambridge and back, the quickest way is on foot via Clare College's main court (2), using the badge provided at registration to move through the college grounds.



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