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Dear Friends,

I look forward to seeing you all in Boston, or as many of you as can make it, for our annual convocation. The program for EVS as it stands in mid-May is below. APSA, our host, has just assigned the times to our panels. We await the announcement of locations. Updates will be made available through Voegelinview.com, where you can also find the best in Voegelin related scholarship. Our distinguished editor, Lee Trepanier, stands at the ready to receive your submissions as he labors to enlarge the public understanding on a wide range of topics, historical and contemporary. The yeoman work of our book review editor, John von Heyking, is only matched by his own contributions in the genre. His most recent volume, [\*Comprehensive Judgment and Absolute Selflessness: Winston Churchill on Politics as Friendship\*](#) (St. Augustine's Press), will form the basis of the Churchill panel on our program. Please let me know if corrections or changes are needed in the schedule. It is testament to your attendance at one another's panels that we are able to sustain the large number of sessions we have been awarded. As always, your continuing financial support of EVS, in contributions small or large, is always appreciated (for donations email [nfuller@ericvoegelin.org](mailto:nfuller@ericvoegelin.org)).

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2018**

**Panel 1, The Dystopian Imagination**

**8.00-9.30 AM (Hynes 205)**

Chair: Alan I. Baily, Stephen F. Austin State University, [bailyai@sfasu.edu](mailto:bailyai@sfasu.edu)

"Decency, Hope and Substitution of Memory in Ishiguro's Never Let Me Go." Jeremy J. Mhire, Louisiana Tech University, [Jeremy.j.mhire@gmail.com](mailto:Jeremy.j.mhire@gmail.com) and Rodolfo K. Hernandez, Texas State University, [rodolfokhernandez@yahoo.com](mailto:rodolfokhernandez@yahoo.com)

"A Dystopian State of Mind: Exploring the State of Nature in Dystopian Fiction." Kimberly Hurd Hale, Coastal Carolina University, khale@coastal.edu

"Machiavelli and the Art of Dictatorship: Lessons from Dystopia." Michael J. Faber, Texas State University, professorfaber@gmail.com

"Being under the Bat Signal: the Dystopian Conceit in Popular Culture." Alan I. Baily, Stephen F. Austin State University, bailyai@sfasu.edu

Discussants: Guillaume Bogiaris, Texas A & M University, gbogiaris@tamu.edu and Lee Trepanier, Saginaw Valley State University, ldtrepanier@svsu.edu

## **Panel 2, Religion within the American Political Tradition**

### **10.00-11.30 AM (Marriott, Salon I)**

Chair: Robert Kraynak, Colgate University, rkraynak@colgate.edu

"Separation of State from Church: Tocqueville on Religion in a Democracy." Mary Clare Imperato, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, mc.imparato@rutgers.edu

"The American Founding as a Blended Scotch: A Reply to Tom West." Robert Kraynak, Colgate University, rkraynak@colgate.edu

"The Liturgy of Liberty." Joshua Bowman, Louisiana State University, bowmanjosh@hotmail.com

"Political Sermons and the First Amendment." Glenn A. Moots, Northwood University, moots@northwood.edu and Thomas Kevin Conerty, Vanderbilt University, tconerty@yahoo.com

Discussant: James Stoner, Louisiana State University, poston@lsu.edu

## **Panel 3, Ideology as an Enduring Factor in Politics**

### **12.00-1.30 PM (Marriott, Salon K)**

Chair: Thomas Heilke, University of British Columbia-Okanagan, thomas.heilke@ubc.ca

"Against Ideology: Anti-Politics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Eugen L. Nagy, Central Washington University, e.l.nagy@gmail.com

"Dominium v. Auctoritas: Nihilism and the Political Community." James Greenaway, St. Mary's University, [jgreenaway@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jgreenaway@stmarytx.edu)

"The Short Czech 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Patocka between Masaryk and Havel." Martin Palous, Florida International University, [martin.palous@gmail.com](mailto:martin.palous@gmail.com)

Discussant: Barry Cooper, University of Calgary, [bcooper@ucalgary.ca](mailto:bcooper@ucalgary.ca)

#### **Panel 4, Roundtable: Memory, Conflict, and Reconciliation**

**4.00-5.30 PM (Marriott, Salon K)**

Chair: Martin Palous, Florida International University, [martin.palous@gmail.com](mailto:martin.palous@gmail.com)

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#### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018**

#### **Panel 5, The Foundations, Failings, and Future of a Liberal Order**

**8.00-9.30 AM (Marriott, Vineyard)**

Chair: Dennis Coyle, The Catholic University of America, [coyle@law.edu](mailto:coyle@law.edu)

"The Signature of Modernity: Experiential Foundations of an Open Society." Wolfgang Leidhold, University of Cologne, [wolfgang.leidhold@uni-koeln.de](mailto:wolfgang.leidhold@uni-koeln.de)

"Western Foundations Under Stress: A Benedict Moment?" Camelia Lelesan, Catholic University of America, [88lelesan@cua.edu](mailto:88lelesan@cua.edu)

"American Nationalism and Civil Religion." Samuel Goldman, George Washington University, [swgoldman@gwu.edu](mailto:swgoldman@gwu.edu)

"After the Fall: Hierarchy, Subsidiarity, and the Recovery of Meaning." Dennis Coyle, The Catholic University of America, coyle@law.edu

Discussant: Matthew Cantirino, The Catholic University of America, 93cantirino@cua.edu and Jeffrey Polet, Hope College, polet@hope.edu

## **Panel 6, Paths Toward a Recovery of Constitutionalism**

**10.00-11.30 AM (Marriott, Salon C)**

Chair: John von Heyking, University of Lethbridge, john.vonheyking@uleth.ca

"Hero and Divine Average: Whitman's Democratic Vistas and Thomas Carlyle." David Sollenberger, The Catholic University of America, 54sollenberg@cua.edu

"Rules for a Madhouse: A Pascalian Defense of Constitutionalism." Paul Rodriguez, University of Notre Dame, rrodri19@nd.edu

"The Trump Wall and the Paradox of Rights: Could Hooker Better Welcome Refugees?" Jeremy Seth Geddert, Assumption College, j.geddert@assumption.edu

Discussant: Glenn Hughes, St. Mary's University, ghughes@stmarytx.edu

## **Panel 7, Explaining the Jihadist Project**

**12.00-1.30 PM (Marriott, Salon J)**

Chair: Scott Segrest, The Citadel, prof.scott@yahoo.com

"Sayyid Qutb's Jihad." Scott Segrest, The Citadel, prof.scott@yahoo.com

"General Wellsprings of Apocalyptic and World-Transforming Violence." Michael Franz, Loyola University of Maryland, mfranz@loyola.edu

"The Inheritance of ISIS." Faisal Devji, University of Oxford, faisal.devji.@sant.ox.ac.uk

"The Islamic Republic of Iran: A Variety of Political Religion?" Eliot Assoudeh, University of Nevada Reno, eliot\_assoudeh@yahoo.com

Discussant: Barry Cooper, University of Calgary, bcooper@ucalgary.ca

## **Panel 8, Overcoming the Fractures and Discontents of Politics**

**2.00-3.30 PM (Marriott, Salon H)**

Chair: Richard Avramenko, University of Wisconsin-Madison, avramenko@wisc.edu

"Carl Schmitt's Political Theology and the Arian Controversy." Eduardo Schmidt Passos, The Catholic University of America, 69passos@cua.edu

"Is Progressivism Compatible With Christianity?" Thomas E. Lordan, Independent Scholar, tomlordan@q.com

"Killing Me Softly: Suicide in the Thought of Plato and Aristotle." Richard Avramenko, University of Wisconsin-Madison, avramenko@wisc.edu and Philip Bunn, University of Wisconsin-Madison, pbunn@wisc.edu

"Virtue Ethics and IR Theory in Kenneth W. Thompson." Reed M. Davis, Seattle Pacific University, rdavis@spsu.edu

Discussant: Steven McGuire, Villanova University, sfmcguire@gmail.com

## **Panel 9, Why Voegelin Matters Today**

**4.00-5.30 PM (Marriott, Vineyard)**

Chair: Jeremy Seth Geddert, Assumption College, j.geddert@assumption.edu

"Voegelin, Augustine, Hobbes and the Tradition." Nalin Ranasinghe, Assumption College, nranasin@assumption.edu

"History, Ideology and Noetic Differentiation." Peter Sampo, Thomas More College of Liberal Arts

"Voegelin the Man: Symbol and Soul." Julianne Marie Romanello, julianne.romanello@gmail.com

Discussants: Lee Trepanier, Saginaw Valley State University, ldtrepanier@svsu.edu and Jeremy Seth Geddert, Assumption College, j.geddert@assumption.edu

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2018**

## **Panel 10, The Person as the Horizon of the Political**

**8.00-9.30 AM (Marriott, Vineyard)**

Chair: David Walsh, The Catholic University of America, walshd@cua.edu

"Beyond the Form of Politics." John von Heyking, University of Lethbridge, john.vonheyking@uleth.ca

"An Aesthetics of Human Freedom: Recapturing Personal Integrity in light of The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson." John McNerney, The Catholic University of America, john.mcnerney@ucd.ie

"Man Writ Large: A Personalist Account of the Pre-Political Origins of the State." Steven Millies, Catholic Theological Union, smillies@ctu.edu

"The Transcendence of Tension." Enrique Pallares, 00pallares@cardinalmail.cua.edu, Catholic University of America

Discussant: David Walsh, The Catholic University of America, walshd@cua.edu

**Panel 11, The Meaning of Life and Existential Uncertainty**

**10.00-11.30 AM (Marriott, Salon H)**

Chair: Sarah Shea, McGill University, sarah.shea2@mail.mcgill.ca

"Simone Weil and Habits of the Mind for the Search for Meaning." Macon W. Boczek, Kent State University, mboczek1@kent.edu

"What is the Meaning of (a) Life and How Does One Know?" Jerry Martin, University of Colorado at Boulder, jerry.martin@verizon.net

"God and the Care for One's Story." Abigail Rosenthal, Brooklyn College of The City University of New York, alr.martin@verizon.net

"Ethos and Politics in the Poetry of Stefan George." William Petropulos, Voegelin-Archiv, william.petropulos@web.de

Discussant: Jodi Bruhn, jbruhn@stratejuste.ca and Anthony Esolen, Providence College, aesolen@yahoo.com

**Panel 12, Voegelin's Continuing Conversation with Other Thinkers**

**12.00-1.30 PM (Marriott, Salon H)**

Chair: Harald Bergbauer, University of Applied Sciences, dr.hb@web.de

"Steps to an ecology of consciousness: Eric Voegelin and Gregory Bateson." Bjorn Thomassen, Roskilde University, bthomas@ruc.dk

"Voegelin and Strauss on Husserl as an insufficiently political philosopher." Molly Brigid McGrath, Assumption College, mflynn@assumption.edu

"Voegelin and philosophers of memory: Exploring the meaning of anamnesis." Henrik Syse, Peace Research Institute Oslo, syse@prio.org

Discussant: Harald Bergbauer, University of Applied Sciences, dr.hb@web.de

**Panel 13, Comprehensive Judgment and Absolute Selflessness: Churchill on Friendship**

**2.00-3.30 PM (Marriott, Salon K)**

Chair: Daniel J. Mahoney, dmahoney@assumption.edu, Assumption College

"Churchill and the Athens-Jerusalem Conflict over Friendship." Grant Neil Havers, Trinity Western University, havers@twu.ca

"Churchill's Friendly Storytelling." Thomas W. Heilke, Thomas.heilke@ubc.ca, The University of British Columbia, Okanagan

"Honor and Christian Ethics: Churchill and the Hierarchy of Virtue." Steven Hayward, University of California at Berkeley, hayward487@aol.com

"Churchill on Friendship: An Aristotelian View." Will Morrisey, Hillsdale College, will.morrisey@hillsdale.edu

Discussant: John von Heyking, University of Lethbridge, john.vonheyking@uleth.ca

**Panel 14, Perspectives on Leo Strauss and Edmund Burke**

**4.00-5.30 PM (Marriott, Salon K)**

Chair: Gregory Collins, Yale University, gregcollins11@gmail.com

"On the Place of the Burke sub-chapter in the Plan of *Natural Right and History*." Steven J. Lenzner, Claremont McKenna College, slenzner@cmc.edu

"The Is and the Ought Not: The Burkean Disposition of Leo Strauss." Greg Weiner, Assumption College, gs.weiner@assumption.edu

"Edmund Burke as Indeterminate Dyad in Leo Strauss's *Natural Right and History*." Jeffrey Bernstein, Holy Cross College, jbernste@holycross.edu

"Universality and Abstraction in Burke and Strauss." Claes G. Ryn, The Catholic University of America, cryn@erols.com

Discussant: Nasser Behnegar, Boston College, behnegar@bc.edu and Steven B. Smith, Yale University, steven.smith@yale.edu

**Business Meeting, Saturday, September 1 at 6:30 PM (Marriott Simmons)**

**Reception, Saturday, September 1 at 7:30 PM (Marriott Arlington)**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018**

**Panel 15, Justice in International Society, Ancient and Modern**

**8.00-9.30 AM (Marriott, Orleans)**

Chair: David Clinton, Baylor University, David\_Clinton@baylor.edu

"Montesquieu, China, and Human Rights, Christopher Daniel Ruiz." Baylor University, Christopher\_ruiz@baylor.edu

"Churchill's Marlborough: War and Diplomacy in an Aristocratic Age." Marjorie Louise Jeffrey, Baylor University, Marjorie\_Jeffrey@baylor.edu

"Justice as Virtue in Diplomatic Conduct." Stephen Patrick Sims, Baylor University, Stephen\_sims@baylor.edu

"Churchill, Anglo-Americanism, and Exceptionalism." Greg Russell, University of Oklahoma, grussell@ou.edu

Discussants: Reed M. Davis, Seattle Pacific University and David Clinton, Baylor University, David\_Clinton@baylor.edu



**Panel 16, Kant on Religion and Politics**

**10.00-11.30 AM (Marriott, Salon K)**

Chair: Thomas Heilke, University of British Columbia, Okanagan, Thomas.heilke@ubc.ca

"Beyond the Limits of Reason in Kant's Religious and Political Thought." Steven McGuire, Villanova University, sfmcguire@gmail.com

"Man the Questioner: Kant's Recovery of Transcendence in Moral Existence." Gustavo A. Santos, Oficina Municipa, gadolfo1917@gmail.com

"Ethical Communities: Kant's Ecclesiology in his Moral and Political Philosophy." Carol B. Cooper, University of Houston, carol.b.cooper@gmail.com

Discussant: Thomas Heilke, University of British Columbia, Okanagan, Thomas.heilke@ubc.ca and Susan Shell, Boston College, shell@bc.edu