

Conference:
Democracy, Legality and Policy



Tilburg, 31.05.2012 - 01.06.2012

Synopsis

This conference brings together experts from political philosophy, legal philosophy and social epistemology to examine fundamental issues in the theory of democracy. Is there an internal connection between the value of democracy within a group of enquirers and the "objective" standing of the products of that inquiry? How is the ideal of democratic self-governance connected to the pluralism of moral values? What is the relationship between the normative authority of democracy and of a legal system? How might the emergence of a trans-national legal order alter how we think about constitutional ideas? In what way can formal methods give insight into practical policy issues?

This conference is a joint event with Tilburg University's Department of Philosophy.

Organizers: Stephan Hartmann (Tilburg University), Hans Lindahl (Tilburg University), Alan Thomas (Tilburg University)

Keynote Speakers

Annabelle Lever (University of Geneva), Helen Longino (Johns Hopkins University), Alexander Somek (University of Iowa)

Program

Thursday 31.05

	Room AZ 211
09:00 - 09:45	Registration
09:45 - 10:00	Welcome
	Chair: Stephan Hartmann
10:00 - 11:15	Helen Longino: <i>Science, Epistemology, and Politics</i>
11:15 - 12:00	Anna Leuschner: <i>Pluralism, Objectivity, and Democracy</i>
12:00 - 01:15	Lunch
	Chair: Stephan Hartmann
01:15 - 02:00	Klemens Kappel: <i>Factual Disagreement and Political Legitimacy</i>
02:00 - 02:45	Maura Priest: <i>The Binding Political Power of Collective Belief</i>
02:45 - 03:15	Coffee break
03:15 - 04:00	Silke Schicktanz: <i>Being Affected, Representation and Experts: How to Deal with Moral Pluralism and Democratic Ideals in Science Policy?</i>
04:00 - 05:15	Alexander Somek: <i>Accidental Cosmopolitanism: Citizenship at the End of History</i>
08:00	Conference Dinner

Friday 01.06

Room AZ 211

Chair: Alan Thomas

10:00 - 11:15

Annabelle Lever: *Democracy, Ethics and Method*

11:15 - 12:00

Marieke Borren: *Illegal Subjectivity and The Politics of In/Visibility: Re-thinking the Ontological Condition of the 'Illegal' Alien*

12:00 - 01:15

Lunch

Chair: Helen Longino

01:15 - 02:00

Stephan Hartmann & Soroush Rafiee Rad: *Voting, Deliberation and Truth*

02:15 - 02:45

Desiree Louis Nizigiyimana: *Social Justice and Capability Building: The Normative Grounds of Social Criticism*

02:45 - 03:15

Coffee break

03:15 - 04:00

Conrad Heilmann & Philip Cook: *The Structure of Censorship*

04:00 - 04:45

Alan Thomas: *Politics Without Principles? - The Political Realist Critique of Rawls*

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