## **Political Realism and Practical Morality**

### International Conference in Budapest, 18-19 November 2016



**Organisers:** 

Institute of Philosophy, HAS

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**Corvinus University of Budapest** 



## Programme

#### Venue 1: Friday (30, Országház Street)

#### 9-9.30 Registration

9.30-11.00 Keynote Lecture John Dunn (Cambridge University): Domestic Politics and International Relations across the Millennia

#### 11.00-11.15: Coffee Break

#### 11.15-12.30 (Section 1.) Morality and Realism

Matt Sleat (Sheffield University): Ethics, Morality and the Case for Realist Political Theory **Tibor Mándi** (Institute for Political Science, HAS): The morality of political realism **Andrija Šoć** (Belgrade University): Deliberative Democracy between Moralism and Realism

12.30-14.30 Lunch Break

#### 14.30-15.45 (Section 2.) Just War and Realism

Adam Cebula (Warsaw University): Just war theory and the duplex nature of extra-moral absolutism Adam Smrcz (Institute of Philosophy, HAS / ELTE University): What renders a conflict inevitable? The question of bellum necessarium among early modern natural law theorists

**Sabeen Ahmed** (Vanderbilt University): The Epistemic Violence of Jeff McMahan's Revisionist Just War Theory

15.45-16.00 Coffee Break

16.00-17.15 (Section 3.) History and Realism Stephen Hailey (Cambridge University): Aristotle and political 'realism' Dávid Molnár (University of Pécs): State/ sovereignty/ Statesovereignty. Political thought in Edward Forsett's A Comparative Discourse of the Bodies Natural and Politique.

**Ferenc Hörcher** (Institute of Philosophy, HAS): How to Govern a City – Political Realism in a Conservative, Republican Key

#### Venue 2: Saturday (8. Fővám Square, 1093)

#### 9.00-10.15 (Section 4.) Phases of Realism

**Enzo Rossi** (University of Amsterdam): Being Realistic and Demanding the Impossible **Gábor Zoltán Szűcs** (Institute for Political Sciences, HAS): Three models of realist antimoralism

**Carla Yumatle** (Brown University): No Domination, No Politics: The Failings of Normative Political Theory

10.15-10.30 Coffee Break

10.30-11.25 (Section 5.) Uses of RealismGulsen Seven (Bilkent University): PoliticalRealism and A Theory of Good ReasonsBlair Peruniak (Oxford University): Republicanismand Refugees

11.25-13.00 Lunch Break

#### 13.00-14.30 Keynote Lecture Duncan Kelly (Cambridge University): Élie Halévy's Intellectual History of the Great War

14.30-14.45 Coffee Break

#### 14.45-16.00 (Section 6.) Virtues and Realism Gábor Illés (Centre for Social Sciences, HAS): Action in realist political theory: character and political virtues instead of "dirty hands" Dóra Kis-Jakab (Institute of Philosophy, HAS /

ELTE University): Thomas Aquinas' approach to the best government of human communities **Nicole Hassoun** (Cornell University): Against Realism in Political Philosophy: The Virtue of Creative Resolve

16.00-16.15 Coffee Break

# 16.15-17.15 (Section 7.) Rational Choice and Realism

Matthew Rendall (University of Nottingham): Realism and Rational Choice Zoltán Balázs (Corvinus University of Budapest): The Moral and the Political in the Philosophy of Bernard Williams