LIBERALISMS IN EAST AND WEST

University of Oxford
9-11 January 2009
Conference Programme

All sessions will take place in the Nissan Lecture Theatre, St Antony’s College, Oxford

Friday 9 January

12.00 – 14.00 Registration (Foyer, Nissan Lecture Theatre)
13.00 Lunch (Hall, Hilda Besse Building)
14.00 Welcome and introduction: Timothy Garton Ash
14.15-18.45 The Conceptual Cacophony

14.15 Session 1: West
Chair: Timothy Garton Ash

North America
Speaker: Paul Starr

Europe
Speaker: Pierre Rosanvallon

Latin America
Speaker: Laurence Whitehead

16.15 Coffee (Foyer, Hilda Besse Building)
16.45 Session 2: East
Chair: Rana Mitter

India
Speaker: Rajeev Bhargava

Japan
Speaker: Matsuda Koichiro

China
Speaker: Wang Shaoguang

18.45 Drinks (Senior Common Room, Hilda Besse Building)
19.15 Dinner (Hall, Hilda Besse Building)
Welcome by Margaret Macmillan
20.30 After-dinner drinks (Senior Common Room, Hilda Besse Building)
Saturday 10 January

08.45-18.00  **Core Themes of Liberalism**

08.45  Introduction: Michael Freeden

09.00  **Session 3: Individualism**
   Chair: Michael Freeden
   Lead speaker: Steven Lukes
   Comment:
   Carol Horton
   Justine Lacroix

10.45  Coffee (Foyer, Hilda Besse Building)

11.15  **Session 4: Tolerance**
   Chair: Stuart White
   Lead speaker: Susan Mendus
   Comment:
   Jacob Levy
   Rajeev Bhargava

13.00  Lunch (Hall, Hilda Besse Building)

14.00  **Session 5: Markets**
   Chair: Ian Goldin
   Lead speaker: Sir Samuel Brittan
   Comment:
   Cui Zhiyuan
   Zhang Weiyin

15.45  Coffee (Foyer, Hilda Besse Building)

16.15  **Session 6: Universalism**
   Chair: Kalypso Nicolaïdis
   Lead speaker: John Ikenberry
   Comment:
   Pierre Hassner
   Inoue Tatsuo
   Li Qiang

18.00  End of session

19.00  Drinks (Founders’ Library, New College)

19.45  Dinner (Hall, New College), Welcome by Alan Ryan
Sunday 11 January

9.00  **Session 7: Who decides what Liberalism is? And how?**  
Chair: Alan Ryan  
Speakers: Ivan Krastev  
Jan-Werner Müller

10.45  Coffee (Foyer, Hilda Besse Building)

11.15  **Session 8: Concluding debate**  
Chair: Timothy Garton Ash  
Speaker: Ronald Dworkin

13.00  Lunch (Hall, Hilda Besse Building)
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Conference Note

All important concepts are contested but some are more contested than others. Few have become more contested over the last forty years than “liberalism”. This international, interdisciplinary conference, looks at the extraordinarily diverse usages of the term in West and East, and asks what justified means we have (if any) of determining or prescribing its contents. The introductory panels on Friday afternoon look at what we call the “conceptual cacophony” in the core homelands of the West – Europe and the Americas – and in three major countries of what the West has traditionally called the East – India, China and Japan. The purpose here is to determine what the main contemporary competing usages are, and how they differ across countries, as well as across the political spectrum. In the United States, “liberalism” has become a term of abuse for the political right: one has only to recall book titles such as Liberalism Kills Kids and Liberal Fascism. In many European countries, by contrast, the L-word is used as a synonym for Anglo-American free market neo-liberalism. A Liberal Democrat Party has ruled Japan since 1955, but in what senses has it been liberal? In China, the term “liberal” has been associated with ideas not only of freedom, but also of licence, and China’s traumatic modern history has made the ideal historically weaker in intellectual imaginations than more collective philosophies – yet 150 years after its introduction to China, it still persists and has new relevance today. In these sessions we shall be following the word, wherever it leads us, and not necessarily staking claims about the thing.

On Saturday we take a different approach. We start from the premise that not everything called liberalism can properly be so described. There are, it will be suggested, certain clusters of key concepts that typify liberal discourses and that qualify such discourses for full membership of the family of liberalisms. Michael Freeden will briefly introduce the complexity of liberal conceptual patterns, which include, among others, notions of rationality, liberty, progress, and constrained power. We have decided to home in on four key concepts that seem to be particularly promising in the context of the international comparison on which the conference focuses. They are: individualism, tolerance, markets, and universalism. Some of those are central to all forms of liberalism; others are features that have made a particular impact in some liberal languages and practices. Crucially, it is the different internal weighting accorded to common components that usually separates one liberal variant from another. Each session will be introduced by a lead speaker, with brief comments from two or three respondents expert in other countries and continents.

On the Sunday morning we shall ask: “Who decides what Liberalism is? And how?” Contrasting approaches to answering these questions will be suggested by two introductory speakers from different disciplines. A concluding debate will be introduced by a major contemporary liberal thinker, Ronald Dworkin.

In order to allow enough time for debate with a highly qualified audience, lead speakers will be limited to a maximum of 20 minutes, with commentators on the Saturday given no more than 10 minutes for their initial responses. No written papers are expected and no subsequent conference volume is planned, but we do hope to make available a summary record of the proceedings.

The Organising Committee
Speakers

Professor Rajeev Bhargava

Professor Rajeev Bhargava obtained his BA degree from the University of Delhi and M.Phil and D.Phil degrees from Oxford University. He is currently Senior Fellow and Director of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies. He has previously been a Professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi. From 2001–2005, he held the chair in Political Theory and Indian Political Thought at the University of Delhi and was the Head of its Department of Political Science.

He has been a Senior fellow in Ethics at Harvard University, Visiting fellow of the British Academy, CR Parekh Fellow at the CSDS, Delhi, a Leverhulme fellow at the University of Bristol, Senior Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Studies at Jerusalem and Distinguished Resident scholar at the Institute of Religion, Public Life and Toleration, Columbia University, NY. He held the Asia Chair at Sciences Po, Paris in the summer of 2006. He will be a Visiting Fellow, at the Wissenschaftkolleg, Berlin in 2009–10.


Sir Samuel Brittan

Sir Samuel Brittan has been an economic commentator on the Financial Times since 1966. Prior to this he was economics editor of the Observer (1961–64) and an adviser at the Department of Economic Affairs (1965).

His most recent books are Against the Flow (2005), Capitalism with a Human Face (1995) and Essays, Moral, Political and Economic (1998). He is an Honorary Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge and an honorary Doctor of Letters at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. He has been visiting professor at the Chicago Law School, a visiting fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford, and an honorary professor of politics at Warwick.

He has been awarded the George Orwell, Senior Harold Wincott and Ludwig Erhard prizes. He was a member of the Peacock Committee on the Finance of the BBC.
(1985–86). He was knighted in 1993 for “services to economic journalism” and that year also became a Chevalier of the Legion d’Honneur.

**Professor Cui Zhiyuan**

Professor Cui teaches Politics and Public Management at the University of Tsinghua, Beijing.

His research is characterised by an innovative approach to the social and economic developments of post socialist China and by strong theoretical interests. His publications include books and articles on both capitalist and socialist economies. He edited the selected essays of Roberto Unger and has co-authored with him a book and various articles.

Professor Cui has a rich experience as a scholar and professor in the USA. At present he is Visiting Professor at Cornell University.

**Professor Ronald Dworkin**

Professor Ronald Dworkin is Professor of Philosophy and Frank Henry Sommer Professor of Law at New York University. He received BA degrees from both Harvard College and Oxford University, and an LLB from Harvard Law School.

He was associated with a law firm in New York (Sullivan and Cromwell) and was a professor of law at Yale University Law School from 1962–1969. For many years, he was the Professor of Jurisprudence at Oxford. After retiring from Oxford, Dworkin became the Quain Professor of Jurisprudence at University College London, where he subsequently became the Bentham Professor of Jurisprudence. He gave his valedictory lecture at University College London in March 2008, “Can we disagree about law and morals?” He is a Fellow of the British Academy and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.


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Professor Hassner has also taught as a visiting professor at the Universities of Chicago, Harvard, and Geneva. He was written widely on political philosophy (particularly on Rousseau, Kant and Hegel) and on international affairs (particularly on totalitarianism, nationalism, war and peace).


**Dr Carol Horton**

Dr Carol Horton is an independent scholar and author of *Race and the Making of American Liberalism* (2005). She holds a doctorate in Political Science from the University of Chicago and served on the faculty of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota.

During the past decade, Carol has specialized in program planning and evaluation research for the public and non-profit sectors. Most recently, she was employed as a Research Scientist focusing on programs and polices affecting low-income children and families at Erikson Institute, Chicago. She has authored or co-authored numerous research reports for public and private organizations including the Center for the Study of Social Policy, Chapin Hall Center for Children, Chicago Community Trust, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services, DeWitt Wallace-Reader’s Digest Fund, Erikson Institute, Ford Foundation, W. K. Kellogg Foundation, Ms. Foundation for Women, and Pew Charitable Trusts.

**Professor John Ikenberry**

Professor John Ikenberry is the Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University, in the Department of Politics and the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He is also a Global Eminence Scholar at Kyung Hee University. Professor Ikenberry is the author of *After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major Wars* (2001), which won the 2002 Schroeder-Jervis Award presented by the American Political Science Association for the best book in international history and politics. A collection of his essays, entitled *Liberal Order and Imperial Ambition: American Power and International Order* appeared in 2006. He is also co-editor of *End of the West? Crisis and Change in Atlantic Order* (2008). Most recently, he is co-author of *Crisis of American Foreign Policy: Wilsonianism in the 21st Century* (2009), which explores the Wilsonian legacy in contemporary American foreign policy. He is currently writing a book entitled *Liberal Leviathan: The Origins, Crisis, and Transformation of the
American System (forthcoming). Professor Ikenberry is the co-director of the Princeton Project on National Security, and he is the co-author, along with Anne-Marie Slaughter, of the final report, Forging a World of Liberty Under Law.

Professor Ikenberry is the author and editor of many other books, including State Power and the World Economy (2002) with Joseph Grieco. He is also editor of American Unrivalled: The Future of the Balance of Power (2002) and co-edited The Nation State in Question (2003) which examines the changing capacities and roles of the modern state. He is also co-author with John A Hall of The State (1989) which has been translated into several languages, including French, Spanish, and Japanese. He has also edited a volume, with Michael Doyle, on New Thinking in International Relations (1997). He is co-editor with Michael Cox and Takashi Inoguchi of U.S. Democracy Promotion: Impulses, Strategies, and Impacts (2000) and co-editor with Michael Mastanduno of International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific (2003). He has published in all the major academic journals of international relations and written widely in policy journals.

Among his many activities, Professor Ikenberry served as a member of an advisory group at the State Department in 2003-04 and was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations Task Force on U.S.-European relations, the so-called Kissinger-Summers commission. He is also a reviewer of books on political and legal affairs for Foreign Affairs.

Professor Inoue Tatsuo

Professor Inoue Tatsuo was born in Osaka, Japan, in 1954. He is Professor of Philosophy of Law at the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, the University of Tokyo. After having graduated from the Faculty of Law, at the University of Tokyo, he majored in philosophy of law as Research Associate there in 1977-1980. He was a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the Department of Philosophy, Harvard University, 1986-88. After teaching philosophy of law as Associate Professor at Faculty of Law and Economics, Chiba University, he became Associate Professor at the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, the University of Tokyo in 1991 and Professor in 1995. He taught at New York University School of Law as Visiting Professor for the Global Law School Program in 2002 Spring Semester. He was Senior Research Fellow at the Center for European Integration Studies, the University of Bonn, in 2003. He was inaugurated as a Member of the Science Council of Japan in 2005.

His research covers subjects such as the theory of norms, the theory of justice, the concept of law, the rule of law, philosophical foundations of liberalism and constitutional democracy, Asian values and human rights, and law and politics in contemporary Japan. He is the author of six books in Japanese and has received the Suntory Art and Science Award for his book Kyosei no Saho: Kaiwa toshiteno Seigi

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Professor Ivan Krastev is a political scientist and Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies in Sofia, Bulgaria. He is a founding member of the European Council on Foreign Relations (www.ecfr.eu) and member of the Trilateral Commission. He is an Open Society Fellow and the academic director of the Open Century Project of the Central European University in Budapest. Ivan Krastev was the executive director of the International Commission on the Balkans chaired by former Italian Premier Minister Giuliano Amato.

In the last decade he has been a visiting fellow at St. Antony's College, Oxford; the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars in Washington; Collegium Budapest; Wissenschaftskolleg, Berlin; Institute of Federalism, University of Fribourg, Switzerland; Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna, Central European University, Budapest and the Remarque Institute, New York University.

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Professor Lukes is a Member of the editorial board of the *Archives européennes de sociologie* (*European Journal of Sociology*) since 1972. He has always worked as an intellectual nomad in the borderlands of philosophy and the social sciences. Currently he is working on an English edition of Condorcet's *Esquisse d'un tableau historique des progrès de l'esprit humain* and on further research in what may be called 'the sociology of morals.' Professor Lukes will be working on this at the Wissenschaftskolleg in Berlin next academic year.

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**Professor Susan Mendus**

Professor Susan Mendus studied Classics and Philosophy at the University of Wales, but soon became more interested in Philosophy than in Classics. Her first degree was in Philosophy and, after graduating, she went to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, where she studied for the B.Phil in Philosophy. From 1986 to 1990, Professor Mendus was Morrell Fellow in Toleration at York University; from 1995 to 2000, she was Director of the Morrell Centre for the Study of Toleration. Professor Mendus has been Professor of Political Philosophy at York since 1996, and a Fellow of the British Academy since 2004.

Professor Mendus has recently completed two research projects: the first is a book entitled *Politics and Morality* in which she asks whether it is possible for politicians to be morally good or whether, as philosophers from Plato onwards have insisted, politicians must have dirty hands. The book will be published by Polity Press in late 2009. The second project is a development of her 2007 Freilich lectures (Religious Toleration in an Age of Terrorism) and involves an analysis of the ways in which events of 9/11 have (or have not) altered our understanding of and attitude to religious toleration. The Freilich Lectures have been published in pamphlet form by the Australian National University.

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He has also published two volumes on the history of State and Civil Society in France, the latter translated as The Demands of Liberty: Civil Society in France since the Revolution, (2007). In 2006, he published La Contre- démocratie. La politique à l’âge de la défiance, translated as Counter Democracy (2008). A volume of essays has also been translated into English: Democracy, Past and Future (2006). He has also published several books on the history of 19th century liberalism (among them, Le Moment Guizot, 1985) and works on the welfare state: The New Social Question (2000). His latest book, La légitimité démocratique: Impartialité, réflexivité, proximité, was published by Le Seuil in September 2008.

Professor Paul Starr

Professor Paul Starr is professor of sociology and public affairs at Princeton University and co-founder and co-editor of The American Prospect. He is the author, most recently, of Freedom's Power, on the history and promise of liberalism (2007).

Among his other books are The Social Transformation of American Medicine, which received the 1984 Pulitzer Prize for Nonfiction and Bancroft Prize in American History, and The Creation of the Media, which won the 2005 Goldsmith Book Prize.

Professor Starr writes on American society and politics, social theory, and both domestic and foreign policy. In 1990, with Robert Kuttner and Robert Reich, he co-founded The American Prospect, a liberal magazine about politics, policy, and ideas. During 1993, while on leave from both Princeton and The American Prospect, he served as a senior advisor in the Clinton White House on health policy.

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In addition, he has contributed to numerous edited volumes and journals. He has served as a consultant to the World Bank, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), World Economic Forum, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Johnson & Johnson, the Samsung Group, and Rio Tinto.

**Mr Laurence Whitehead**

Mr Laurence Whitehead is an Official Fellow in Politics at Nuffield College, Oxford University, and Senior Fellow of the College. During 2005/6 he served as Acting Warden of the College. His most recent books are *Latin America: A New Interpretation* (2006), *Democratization: Theory and Experience* (2002), and (ed.) *Emerging Market Democracies: East Asia/Latin America* (2002). He also edited a special issue of the *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*, Vol. 2. No.1 July 2006 (on Close fought Elections) and is co-editor with Bert Hoffmann of a forthcoming volume *Debating Cuban Exceptionalism* (Palgrave 2007). Another volume (edited jointly with Lourdes Sola) *State-crafting monetary authority: Brazil in Comparative Perspective* was published by the Oxford Centre for Brazilian Studies at the beginning of 2006.

He is editor of an Oxford University Press series, ‘Studies in Democratization’. The first book in the series, Laurence Whitehead (ed.) *International Dimensions of Democratization: Europe and the Americas*, was published in 1996. Over a dozen books have been published in this series so far.

He currently chairs Research Committee 13 of the International Political Science Association (Comparative Democratization); and the section on Europe and Latin
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**Professor Zhang Weiying**

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As a scholar of economics he has published dozens of academic articles and 10 books. His works have had significant impacts on the ongoing enterprise reform policy formulation and the development of economics in China. His opinions of the Chinese economy have been frequently reported in media. He was named one of the "10 People of the Year in the Chinese Economy" by CCTV in 2002. In 2008, he was ranked among “30 Economic Figures for 30 Years of the Reform” by China Economic Reform Association, and “Top Ten Chinese Economists for 30 Years” by China Entrepreneurs Magazine. He has served as the chief economist for the China Entrepreneurs Forum since 2001.
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The organisation of this conference was sustained by the faculty and staff of a number of institutions both inside and outside the University of Oxford. They include, in Oxford, the Rothermere American Institute, the consortium of European Studies at Oxford, the Centre for Political Ideologies, the Department of Politics and International Relations, the Nissan Institute for Japanese Studies, the European Studies Centre at St Antony’s College, the Asian Studies Centre at St Antony’s College, the Institute for Chinese Studies, the British Inter-University China Centre, the Contemporary China Studies Programme, the Europaeum, the Maison Française d’Oxford, the James Martin 21st Century School and the Modern History Faculty, and, outside Oxford, the Remarque Institute at New York University. We thank them all.

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