
Passions and the origin of moral institutions and civil society: British debate from Thomas Hobbes to Adam Smith

Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Humanities, Charles University in Prague,
presents a conference entitled

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Scholars and students from various fields originated or closely connected with British moral philosophy in late 17th and 18th centuries (i.e. philosophy, history, sociology, political thought, economics, etc.) are both welcomed and encouraged to attend a conference presenting and discussing horizons of gradually progressing changes in interpretation of British debate on the origin of moral institutions, civil society and many other subjects of moral philosophy. Opening lecture is to be given by James A. Harris (St Andrews), the editor and contributor to *The Oxford Handbook of British Philosophy in the Eighteenth Century*, and the author of forthcoming (18 September 2015) monograph on Hume: An Intellectual Biography (CUP). The four panels dedicated to key thinkers representing British debate (Hobbes, Mandeville, Hume and Smith) are to be held and generous space for discussion in a nice and stimulating atmosphere of liberal arts faculty is to be provided. Inspiration for an edited volume and many papers, essays or thesis hopefully will be gained. Moreover, Prague walks, informal dinners, opera, a special guided tour and party allow participants to enjoy conversation, refresh minds and promote encouragement for their diverse missions in the republic of letters and learned. For **preliminary programme** see [here](#) .

We are happy to announce that invitations have been accepted by international scholars working on a new footing in the interpretation of the British moral philosophy from Thomas Hobbes to Adam Smith. And we are grateful for kind and competent assistance that will be provided by academics and researchers acting as a panel chairs. Conference programme is enriched by presentations originated in Czech academic circles, mostly Charles University, and manifests diversity of approaches to our conference subjects. We are in hope that it may support panels' liveliness and promote both curiosity and toleration so essential for true men of learning.

For **registration** see [here](#) . Registration will be closed on **26 August 2015** and we cannot guarantee reservation of seats for lunches, dinners, tour and party after this term. After that term send your request directly to conference organiser. Thanks to institutional support **no conference fee is charged** but lunches are free for active participants only (speakers and chairs). For information about opera tickets (Friday 4 September, 19:00, The Estates Theatre Prague, *Don Giovanni*) see additional information in Preliminary programme.

Address and map of Charles University Jinonicecampus is [here](#) . Campus is closed to metro/sub-way station Jinonice (line B), and is easily accessible both from the Vaclav Havel Airport and the very centre of Prague. For accommodation you may consult www.booking.com . We can may assist in seeking for a reasonably priced accommodation close to campus. If you have any question feel free to send an e-mail to conference organiser: tomas.kunca@fhs.cuni.cz