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2009 Modern Conference

2009 Conference on Issues in Modern Philosophy

“ The Foundations of Morality”

New York University, November 6–7, 2009

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The New York University Department of Philosophy will host the sixth in its series of conferences on issues in the history of modern philosophy on November 6 and 7, 2009. Each conference in the series examines the development of a central philosophical problem from early modern philosophy to the present, exploring the evolution of formulations of the problem and of approaches to resolving it. By examining the work of philosophers of the past both in historical context and in relation to contemporary philosophical thinking, the conferences allow philosophy’s past and present to illuminate one another.

Friday, November 6 — Kimmel Center, Room 914

- 1:00–2:00 Check-in
- 2:00–4:00 First session: Hobbes
 Speaker: Stephen Darwall (Yale University)
[“ The Right and the Good in Hobbes’s Moral Philosophy”](#)
 Commentator: Susanne Sreedhar (Boston University)
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 Chair: Amelie Rorty (Harvard Medical School)
- 4:30–6:30 Second session: Hume
 Speaker: Kate Abramson (Indiana University)
[“ Flourishing is not the point: Hume and the foundations of virtue”](#)
 Commentator: Michael Gill (University of Arizona)
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 Chair: Tito Magri (La Sapienza, Roma)
- 6:30–7:30 Reception

Saturday, November 7 — Rosenthal Pavilion, Kimmel Center, 10th floor

- 10:00–12:00 Third session: Kant and Hegel Speaker: Sally Sedgwick (University of Illinois, Chicago)
[“ Reason and History: Kant Versus Hegel”](#)
 Commentator: Karl Ameriks (University of Notre Dame)
[Comments](#)
 Chair: Rüdiger Bittner (Universität Bielefeld)
- 2:00–4:00 Fourth session: Mill
 Speaker: John Skorupski (University of St. Andrews)
[“ Impartiality: Kant and Mill Versus Sidgwick”](#)
 Commentator: J.B. Schneewind (Johns Hopkins University, Emeritus; New York University, Visiting Scholar)
[Comments](#)
 Chair: James Griffin (Oxford University and Rutgers)
- 4:30–6:30 Fifth session: Contemporary Philosophy
 Speaker: Peter Singer (Princeton University)
[“ The Groundwork of Utilitarian Morals: Reconsidering Hare’s Argument for Utilitarianism”](#)
 Speaker: Barbara Herman (University of California, Los Angeles)
[“ Kantian Commitments”](#)

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Questions may be directed to philo.modernconference@nyu.edu.

Conference Directors: [Béatrice Longuenesse](#), [John Richardson](#), and [Don Garrett](#).

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2007: "[Aesthetic Judgment](#)"

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