

*** Call For Papers ***

Markets and Morality

Date: November 4th and 5th, 2022

Keynote Speakers: Dr. Debra Satz and Dr. Vida Panitch

Submissions Due: June 24th, 2022

Location: University of Toronto

The University of Toronto is now accepting papers for its 21st annual philosophy graduate conference “Markets and Morality”. We invite submissions from graduate students working in all areas and traditions of philosophy to submit papers relevant to the conference theme. Interdisciplinary submissions are welcome, and submissions from members of underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged.

Keynote Speakers

Debra Satz (Stanford University): Debra Satz is the Marta Sutton Weeks Professor of Ethics in Society and the Dean of the School of Humanities and Sciences at Stanford University. Her research focuses on ethical limitations on markets, the philosophy of social science, democratic theory, feminist theory, and issues of international justice. Dr. Satz’s 2010 book, *Why Some Things Should Not Be for Sale: The Moral Limits of Markets*, identified features of a market that make it “noxious” and investigated what can and should be done about such markets. Her work sets the stage for a nuanced and multidisciplinary discussion of the ethical implications of markets.

Vida Panitch (Carleton University): Vida Panitch is an Associate Professor of Philosophy and Ethics and Public Affairs at Carleton University. Her research considers the moral boundaries of markets from a practical point of view by focussing on public goods, including health care and education, and physical goods, including body parts and intimate services. Dr. Panitch’s edited volume, *Exploitation: from Theory to Practice*, explores the inadequacies of theoretical accounts of exploitation in accounting for real world instances thereof, including global commercial surrogacy and paid kidney donations.

Description

Markets are a familiar and widespread feature of contemporary economic life. Given the pivotal role that markets have in organizing our individual and collective activity, markets raise a number of important moral questions, including: What are the moral limitations, if any, of what commodities can be bought and sold on the market? Are markets suitable tools for solving collective action problems, such as climate change? What role do markets play in producing or re-producing structures of oppression, marginalization, and exploitation? Does the competitive nature of markets erode the values of solidarity and community? Are hierarchically ordered workplaces inconsistent with the values of equality or freedom? Does justice forbid certain goods and services from being provided by privately-owned firms?

Possible paper topics include, but are not limited, to:

- *Capitalism and Socialism*
- *Private and Public Ownership*
- *Workplace Decision Making and Governance*
- *Corporate Responsibility*
- *Justifications or Criticisms of Markets*
- *Historical Perspectives on the Value of Markets*
- *Exploitation and Compensation*
- *Markets and the State*
- *Markets and Climate Change*
- *Commodification and Markets in Human Organs*
- *Markets in Reproductive Services (surrogacy arrangements, preimplantation genetic diagnosis, gametes, etc.)*

Submission Details

The deadline for submissions is **June 24th 2022**. Submissions can be sent to **phil.grad.conference@utoronto.ca** with “Markets and Morality” written in the subject heading. Papers should be presentable in 25–30 minutes (approximately 4000 words). Each presentation will be followed by a brief question period. Submissions should attach the paper, prepared for anonymous review (including a 150–250 word abstract), and a separate cover page that includes your name, affiliated institution, contact information, and paper title. Both documents should be in PDF format. Notification of acceptance will be sent by early September at the latest.