

# Conference Programme for ISUS 2024

Bentham House, Faculty of Laws, University College London

18–20 June 2024

*All speakers and sessions below subject to change, and all rooms and chairs TBC.*

Day 1: 18 June 2024

09.00–09.30: Registration and coffee											
09.30–11.00: Parallel sessions											
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David Phillips (Houston): Can Sidgwick and Ross Converge in Moral Theory?		<b>Prioritarianism: definition, justification, scope</b>		Malik Bozzo-Rey (CEThicS, Lille Catholic University): What if it turned out that Bentham was the best author to use in updating Foucault’s analysis of surveillance?		Madhumita Mitra (University of Calcutta): J.S. Mill’s Utilitarian Ethics of Development: An Appraisal		Brian A. Berkey (Pennsylvania): Autonomous Vehicle Algorithms—Respect for Humanity, and Saving the Greater Number			
David Weinstein (Wake Forest): Sidgwick’s Parfit		Christoph Lumer (Siena): Defining Prioritarianism		James E. Crimmins (Huron College, Western Ontario): Utility and Natural Law in the Early American Republic		Alessio Vaccari (Oxford): Mill’s Notion of Virtue, Duty, Sympathy, and Wellbeing		Blanca Rodríguez López (Madrid Complutense): Ethics of virtual reality, the weird and the wrong			
Rob Shaver (Manitoba): Broad on Sidgwick on Common Sense Morality		Matthew Adler (Duke): Person-Affecting Axiology and Prioritarianism				Yixin Bai (Georgetown): From a Mental Crisis to a Revision of Utilitarianism		Aksel Sterri (Oxford): Against artificial general intelligence			
		Nils Holtug (Copenhagen): Political Equality or Political Priority									
11.00–11.30: Tea and coffee											
11.30–13.00: Plenary lecture											
Bart Schultz (Chicago): ‘The Methods of Ethics as Prolegomenon: the Long, Strange Trip of Henry Sidgwick’											
Chair: Emmanuelle de Champs (Cergy Paris)											
13.00–14.00: Lunch											
14.00–15.30: Parallel sessions											
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Shengyuan Xie (Zhejiang Institute of Administration): Chastity, Asceticism and Secularism, Sidgwick on Sexual Morality		<b>Global Priorities 1: Hedonic Wellbeing</b>		<b>Bentham and James Mill on peace</b>		Todd Calder (Saint Mary’s): Evil isn’t necessarily wrong		Benjamin Mullins (Erasmus Rotterdam): How to respond to the inefficacy argument		Ken Oshitani (Tokyo): One-sided aggregation and due care	
Dale Dorsey (Kansas): Sidgwick, Shaftesbury, and the Explanatory Challenge to Qualitative Hedonism		Heather Browning (Southampton): The Complexities of Intrapersonal Welfare Comparisons		Benjamin Bourcier (Lille): Bentham on Public Peace		Sebastian Liu (Princeton): No indifference to indifference				Tyler Paytas (Australian Catholic University): Sidgwick’s critique of Deontology: Scrupulous Fairness or Serpent-Windings?	
Andreas Lind (Lund): Methods, Methodology and Logic in Henry Sidgwick’s <i>The Methods of Ethics</i>		Pietro Cibinel (Princeton): Hedonic Tradeoffs		Brian Chen (National Chengchi University): Bentham on Constitutional Reform and International Peace		Cyriak Schmitz (Karlsruhe): What is the relation between the unified theory and the triple theory?		Martin Peterson (Texas A&M): Dutilitarianism		Malte Hendrickx (Michigan): The Case for Moral Demands as Cognitive Demands	
		Mattia Cecchinato (Oxford): No Consciousness, No Welfare		Antis Loizides (University of Cyprus): James Mill on Peace							
15.30–16.00: Tea and coffee											

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<b>Feminism in Henry Sidgwick, G.E. Moore, and Bertrand Russell</b> Sophia Connell (Birkbeck): Bertrand Russell's Feminism  Elżbieta Filipow (Warsaw): G.E. Moore's Feminism  Lisa Forsberg (Oxford): Henry Sidgwick's Feminism  Anthony Skelton (Western Ontario): Henry Sidgwick's Feminism		Petra Kosonen (Texas at Austin): Prudential Longtermism Examined  Scott Woodcock (Victoria): In Defence of Evidence-Based Activism  Albert Didriksen (Central European University): Political Philosophy and Existential Risk		Chris Riley (UCL): Jeremy Bentham, the Appellate Jurisdiction, and the 'Court of Lords Delegates'  Cheng Li (Fudan): The Idea and practice of Jeremy Bentham's Law Reform Association from 1829  Xiaobo Zhai (Macau): Bentham's Theory of the Rule of Law		<b>J.S. Mill on Freedom of Expression</b> Piers Norris Turner (Ohio State): Mill's Early Writings on Freedom of Discussion and their Relation to <i>On Liberty</i>  Christopher Macleod (Lancaster): <i>On Liberty II</i> : the Relation between Freedom of Discussion and Knowledge  Ben Saunders (Southampton): <i>On Liberty</i> Online: John Stuart Mill and the Regulation of Social Media		Tom Ue (Cape Breton): 'Let Conscience Be Your Guide': Ethics in Neal Asher's and David Fincher's <i>Bad Traveling</i>  Rafael Cejudo Córdoba (Córdoba): The Utility of Arts and Culture  Vincent-Emmanuel Mathon (VEM Consulting): Metrics for happiness—a tribute to Eleanor Sidgwick			
<b>17.45–18.45: ISUS business meeting</b>											

Day 2: 19 June 2024

09.00–09.30: Registration and coffee											
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<p><b>Sidgwick and Pain</b></p> <p>Jennifer Hawkins (Duke): The badness of emotional pain</p> <p>Roger Crisp (Oxford) and Aaron Garrett (Boston): Sidgwick and Gurney on the incommensurability of extreme pain</p>		<p><b>Global Priorities 2: Philosophical Problems concerning AI</b></p> <p>Elliott Thornley (Oxford): The Shutdown Problem: An AI Engineering Puzzle for Decision Theorists</p> <p>Christian Tarsney (Texas at Austin): Deception and Manipulation in Generative AI: A Subjective Definition and A Minimally Paternalistic Solution</p> <p>David Thorstadt (Vanderbilt): Against the Singularity Hypothesis</p>		<p>Peter Lythe (UCL): ‘The Delusion Vanishes’: Jeremy Bentham on the Disutility of Christianity</p> <p>Carolyn Shapiro (Falmouth): St Paul and other hustlers of language</p> <p>Philip Schofield (UCL): Logic, Language, the Disciplines, and Ethics—Jeremy Bentham’s encounter with Aristotle</p>		<p><b>Ariadne’s Thread: Out of the Labyrinth of the Mill-Taylor Collaborations</b></p> <p>Jo Ellen Jacobs (Millikin University): Creative Pairs and Why Philosophers Don’t Understand Them</p> <p>Helen McCabe (Nottingham): John Stuart Mill and Harriet Taylor—Collaboration and Co-Authorship of ‘our story’ in the <i>Autobiography</i></p> <p>Antis Loizides (University of Cyprus): Stylometrics and <i>The Subjection of Women</i></p> <p>Christoph Schmidt-Petri, Michael Schefczyk, and Lilly Osburg (Karlsruhe): Co-Authorship of the <i>Principles of Political Economy</i> and <i>On Liberty</i>—Further Stylometric Analyses</p>		<p>Sujith S. Kumar (Maryland): Penalties, Punishments, and the Principles of Ethology in <i>On Liberty</i></p> <p>Adam Kolber (Brooklyn Law School): Punishment for the Greater Good</p> <p>Hahn Hsu (National Chung Cheng University): Mill, Sanctions and the practical Normativity of Morality</p>			
11.00–11.30: Tea and coffee											
11.30–13.00: Plenary lecture: Denys Holland Lecture Theatre (SB31) Katarzyna de Lazari-Radek (Łódź) Chair: David Weinstein (Wake Forest)											
13.00–14.00: Lunch											
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<p>Christoph Salvat (Aix-Marseille): Parfit on well-being: a Sidgwickian theory of desirability</p> <p>Sergei Talanker (Western Galilee College): Experimental challenges to Sidgwick’s congruency of intentions thesis</p> <p>Christian Seidel (Karlsruhe): Sidgwickian Moral Theorizing: on the Teleological Relation between Principles and Methods</p>		<p><b>Global Priorities 3: Longtermism and Non-consequentialism</b></p> <p>Jakob Lohmar (Oxford): Longtermism without Full Aggregation</p> <p>Owen Clifton (Queen’s University): Public and Private Longtermism</p> <p>Kacper Kowalczyk (UCL): Nonconsequentialist Longtermism</p>		<p>Marco E. Guidi (Pisa): Utilitarian virtue and Bentham’s theory of democracy</p> <p>Gustavo H. Dalaqua (Pernambuco): Democracy and representation, Rousseau and Mill</p> <p>Tsin Yen Koh (Singapore): Bentham’s utilitarian democracy</p>		<p>Daisuke Arie (Yokohama): What does J.S. Mill’s ‘stationary state’ imply for modern capitalism?</p> <p>Tim Beaumont (Shenzen): John Stuart Mill on the Suez Canal and the Limits of Self-Defence</p> <p>Leonard Kahn (Loyola New Orleans): Sidgwick and the Ethics of War</p>		<p>Lisa Forsberg (Oxford): Vaccination, purpose, and permissibility</p> <p>Héloïse Michelon (Lille Catholic University): The non-identity problem and the harm threshold in reproductive decision-making</p> <p>Martí Colom (Barcelona): Is abortion more serious than murder? Peter Singer’s shift from preferentialism to hedonism and its effects on his practical ethics</p>			
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<b>Author-Meets-Critics on Anthony Skelton, <i>Sidgwick's ethics</i></b>  <b>Author</b> Anthony Skelton (Western Ontario)  <b>Critics</b> Roger Crisp (Oxford) David Phillips (Houston) Rob Shaver		<b>Global Priorities 4: The Moral Implications of Evidential Decision Theory</b>  Hayden Wilkinson (Oxford): The Moral Stakes of Evidentialism  Andrea Petrou (LSE): The Reference Class Problem is the Acausal Trader's Problem Too  Timothy L. Williamson (Oxford): Evidential Decision Theory and Widespread Incommensurability		Gregory Cote (Guelph): Utilitarian cops—Jeremy Bentham and the Rise of Modern Policing  Michihiro Kaino (Doshisha): Bentham's Preventive Police and Modern Japanese Society  Rex Mixon (NYU): Ideas of Utility and Justice in Bentham and Horace		Thomas McDowell (Toronto): Aaron's Serpent, The Epistemological Implications of Bentham's Self-Preference Principle  Markéta Minářová (Prague): Utilitarianism and Justice: Jeremy Bentham's concept  Roger Morriss (Exeter): Samuel Bentham's utilitarianism		Elżbieta Filipow (Warsaw): Women's Intellectual Inspiration and their Influence on John Stuart Mill's Feminist Sensitivity  Emmanuelle de Champs (Cergy Paris): Utility, Community and Women's emancipation, the intellectual journeys of Anna Doyle Wheeler and Frances Wright  Allison Dube (Mount Royal): Implications of the Scholar-Tutor principle in <i>Chrestomathia</i> for Universities Today	
<b>17.45–19.00: Peter Singer (Princeton): 'Sidgwick and Other Influencers'</b> <b>Chair: Roger Crisp (Oxford)</b>									
<b>19.00: Conference dinner</b>									

Day 3: 20 June 2024

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<b>Sidgwick and Evolution</b> Giulia Cantamessi (Pavia): Sidgwick and Spencer on Scientific Ethics, Evolution, and Utilitarianism  Gianfranco Pellegrino (LUISS): Sidgwick on common sense morality—evolutionary debunking or esoteric utilitarian foundation?  Leonardo Ursillo (LUISS): Sidgwick and Darwin		Michael Schefczyk (Karlsruhe): The significance of the past for consequentialists  Sam Fremantle (International School of Philosophy): Reciprocity and Posterity  Yunfeng Jin (Jilin University): On the Distributive Justice Principle of Institutional Utilitarianism		Stephen G. Engelmann (Chicago): Sidgwick on the Old Radical  Malcolm Quinn (UAL): To the Death: Fortitude and Judgment in Bentham’s Deontology  Yanxiang Zhang (North China University of Technology), J.S. Mill’s Metaphysics in Jeremy Bentham’s Perspective		Paulette B. Banciella (Zurich): Utilitarian Influences in the Emancipatory Project of Hispanic America  Daisuke Nakai (Kindai): J.M. Keynes, F.A. Hayek, and their Critique of Utilitarianism		Shinji Nohara (Tokyo): Adam Smith’s criticism of Hume’s utilitarian morality  Frederic R. Kellogg (Pernambuco): The universe has no point of view—John Dewey’s Naturalized Utilitarianism  Jonas Harney (Saarlandes): Taking narrow person-affecting considerations seriously		
11.00–11.30: Tea and coffee										
11.30–13.00: Plenary lecture John Skorupski (St Andrews): ‘Sidgwick’s Nihilism’ Chair: Lisa Forsberg (Oxford)										
13.00–14.00: Lunch										
14.00–15.30: Parallel sessions										
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Dorina Patrunsu (Bucharest): Is there any common sense morality? Egoistic vs. universalistic hedonism in Henry Sidgwick’s The Methods of Ethics  Don Habibi (North Carolina at Wilmington): Sidgwick on subscription, secularism, and the problem of illiberalism  Anthony Skelton (Western Ontario): The Irrelevance of Sidgwick’s Political Philosophy		Dennis Pirdzuns (Manchester): Supporting Singer’s Seminal Points on Poverty  Christoph Lumer (Siena): A Theory of Moral Duties: Progressive Norm Welfarism  Satoshi Yamazaki (Kochi): Sidgwick as the unsung leader of the old welfare economics		Anne Brunon-Ernst (Panthéon Assas): Beyond anti-Imperialism and Pro-Colonialism—Bentham on Waste Lands  Eleonora Buono (Lausanne): National character, government, and civilization in James Mill’s Thought  Georgios Varouxakis (Queen Mary): The imperialist liberal and the anti-imperialist liberticide—the international visions of John Stuart Mill and August Comte Reviewed		Joel van Fossen (Hosei): Sidgwick, Rationality, and The Dualism of Practical Reason  Yuqi Liang (Oxford): Sidgwick’s Dualism of Practical Reason, impartiality in ethics, and evolutionary debunking arguments  Piero Tarantino (Bologna): Bentham’s Theory of Practical Reasoning		Rei Takahashi (Oxford): Do Groups Have Well-Being?  Peter Shiu-Hwa Tsu (National Cheng Chung University): On intrinsic values: Dancy’s Value Holism versus Moorean Invariantism  Antonin Broi (Wuhan): Toward metaethical hedonism		
15.30–16.00: Tea and coffee										
16.00–17.15: Roundtable										