

VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
THE CONCEPT OF UTOPIA AND ITS FUNCTION

PROGRAM

March 25-26, 2022

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Conference time zone: Central European Standard Time (Berlin, Paris)

March 25

2:00-2:15 Word of Welcome

2:15-3:00 Elena Comay del Junco (University of Connecticut) *Non-Ideal Theory as Ideology*

3:00-3:45 Eric Wilkinson (McGill University) *The Function of Utopia in Political Philosophy*

3:45-4:00 Coffee Break

4:00-4:45 Jean-Christophe Merle (University of Vechta) *Locating Unrealistic and Realistic Components of Utopias and Dystopias*

4:45-5:30 Robert A. Kippes (SUNY Binghamton) *The Role of Utopia in Plato's 'Republic'*

March 26

1:00-1:45 Jan Potoček (Charles University in Prague) *Three Functions of Classical Utopia Explored in Robert Burton's 'Anatomy of Melancholy'*

1:45-2:30 Benjamin Randolph (Pennsylvania State University) *The Utopian Consciousness from Kant to Adorno*

2:30-2:45 Coffee Break

2:45-3:30 Eric Brandom (Kansas State University) *Georges Sorel: Myth Against Utopia*

3:30-4:15 Ville Louekari (University of Helsinki) *Ernst Bloch's Utopian Hope and Contemporary Capitalism*

4:15-4:30 Coffee Break

4:30-5:15 Vicky Iakovou (University of Aegean) *Educating the Desire of the Utopian-Political Animal: On Miguel Abensour's Rehabilitation of Utopia*

5:15-6:00 Tom Millay (St. Olaf College) *Laughter as a Step Toward Revolution: The Function of Humor in Fredric Jameson's 'An American Utopia'*