

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?		Prioritarianism: definition, justification, scope		Malik Bozzo-Rey (CETicS, 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		Global Priorities 1: Hedonic Wellbeing		Bentham and James Mill on peace		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											

16.00–17.30: Parallel sessions									
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Feminism in Henry Sidgwick, G.E. Moore, and Bertrand Russell		Petra Kosonen (Texas at Austin): Prudential Longtermism Examined		Chris Riley (UCL): Jeremy Bentham, the Appellate Jurisdiction, and the ‘Court of Lords Delegates’		J.S. Mill on Freedom of Expression		Tom Ue (Cape Breton): ‘Let Conscience Be Your Guide’: Ethics in Neal Asher’s and David Fincher’s <i>Bad Traveling</i>	
Sophia Connell (Birkbeck): Bertrand Russell’s Feminism		Scott Woodcock (Victoria): In Defence of Evidence-Based Activism		Cheng Li (Fudan): The Idea and practice of Jeremy Bentham’s Law Reform Association from 1829		Piers Norris Turner (Ohio State): Mill’s Early Writings on Freedom of Discussion and their Relation to <i>On Liberty</i>		Rafael Cejudo Córdoba (Córdoba): The Utility of Arts and Culture	
Elżbieta Filipow (Warsaw): G.E. Moore’s Feminism		Albert Didriksen (Central European University): Political Philosophy and Existential Risk		Xiaobo Zhai (Macau): Bentham’s Theory of the Rule of Law		Christopher Macleod (Lancaster): <i>On Liberty II</i> : the Relation between Freedom of Discussion and Knowledge		Vincent-Emmanuel Mathon (VEM Consulting): Metrics for happiness—a tribute to Eleanor Sidgwick	
Lisa Forsberg (Oxford): Henry Sidgwick’s Feminism						Ben Saunders (Southampton): <i>On Liberty</i> Online: John Stuart Mill and the Regulation of Social Media			
Anthony Skelton (Western Ontario): Henry Sidgwick’s Feminism									
17.45–18.45: ISUS business meeting									

Day 2: 19 June 2024

09.00–09.30: Registration and coffee											
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<p>Sidgwick and Pain</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>Global Priorities 2: Philosophical Problems concerning AI</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>Ariadne’s Thread: Out of the Labyrinth of the Mill-Taylor Collaborations</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											
14.00–15.30: Parallel sessions											
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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>Global Priorities 3: Longtermism and Non-consequentialism</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>			
15.30–16.00: Tea and coffee											
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Author-Meets-Critics on Anthony Skelton, <i>Sidgwick's ethics</i> Author Anthony Skelton (Western Ontario) Critics Roger Crisp (Oxford) David Phillips (Houston) Rob Shaver		Global Priorities 4: The Moral Implications of Evidential Decision Theory 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	
17.45–19.00: Peter Singer (Princeton): 'Sidgwick and Other Influencers' Chair: Roger Crisp (Oxford)									
19.00: Conference dinner									

Day 3: 20 June 2024

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