

# **Contractarian Moral Theory: the 25th Anniversary of *Morals by Agreement***

May 13-15, 2011 York University

## **Preliminary Program**

### ***Friday May 13***

8:00-9:00 Conference registration and coffee/tea

9:00-10:30 Plenary Session 1

Christopher W. Morris (Professor of Philosophy, University of Maryland)

Situating *Morals by Agreement*: Morality and Its Parts

Chair: Susan Dimock

10:30-10:45 Break

## **Session One**

Room 1 10:45-12:00 Duncan MacIntosh (Dalhousie University)

Assuring, Threatening, a Fully Maximizing Theory of Practical Rationality and the Practical Duties of Agents

Chair: Andrew Cohen

Room 2 10:45-12:00 Matthew C. Altman (Central Washington University)

Contractarianism and Moral Deliberation: The Return of Kant

Chair: Mo Al-Hakim

Room 3 10:45-12:00 Ian J. Carroll (Nuffield College, Oxford)

Coalitions and Chaos: Gauthier's Contractarianism in an N-Player World

Chair: Annette Dufner

Room 4 10:45-12:00 Kristi A. Olson (Princeton University)

Wayne Gretzky's Talent Rent and Wilt Chamberlain's Producer Surplus

Chair: Claire Finkelstein

## **Session Two**

Room 1 12:00-1:15 Malcolm Murray (University of Prince Edward Island)

Gauthier and the Fool: Why Rationality is Not the Issue

Chair Alice MacLachlan

Room 2 12:00-1:15 Edwin E. Etieyibo (University of Alberta)

How Do We Distribute the Gains of Social Cooperation? An examination of Jan Narveson's queries of David Gauthier's account of distributive justice

Chair: Matthew Altman

Room 3 12:00-1:15 Chrisoula Andreou (University of Utah)

The Good, the Bad, and the Trivial

Chair: Ian Carroll

Room 4 12:00-1:15 Peter Vandrshraaf (University of California, Merced)

Mutual Advantage and Minimal Rights

Chair: Gijs van Donselaar

### **1:15-2:15 Lunch**

2:15-3:45 Plenary Session 2

Michael E. Bratman (Durfee Professor in the School of Humanities and Sciences and Professor of Philosophy at Stanford University): Foundational Issues, Resoluteness

Chair: Garrett MacSweeney

### **Session Three**

Room 1 3:45-5:00 Gijs van Donselaar (University of Amsterdam)

Sticks and Carrots: The Emergence of Self-Ownership

Chair: Chris Andreou

Room 2 3:45-5:00 Andrew I Cohen (Georgia State University)

Contractarianism and Moral Standing Inegalitarianism

Chair: Malcolm Murray

Room 3 3:45-5:00 Annette Dufner (University of Muenster)

Egoism, Morality, and the Separateness of Persons

Chair: Edwin Eteiybo

Room 4 3:45-5:00 Paul Viminiz (University of Lethbridge)

Morals by Agreement versus Morals by Treaty

Chair: Peter Vandrshraaf

**5:00-5:15 Break**

5:15-6:45 Plenary Session 3

Robert Sugden (Professor of Economics, University of East Anglia UK)

David Gauthier's contribution to the theory of focal points

**Chair: Mo Al-Hakim**

7:00-9:00 Reception

***Saturday May 14***

8:00-9:00 Coffee and registration

9:00-10:30 Plenary Session 4

Ned McClennen (Professor of Philosophy, Syracuse University)

Rational Cooperation

Chair: Garrett MacSweeney

**10:30-10:45 Break**

**Session Four**

Room 1 10:45-12:00 Eric Chwang (University of Colorado at Boulder)

A Qualified Argument Against Athletic Doping

Chair: Donald Bruckner

Room 2 10:45-12:00 Susan Dimock (York University)

A Contractarian Theory of Criminalization

Chair: Patrick Turmel

Room 3 10:45-12:00 Baldwin Wong (London School of Economics)

Re-examining the Liberal Individual: Why the idea of the liberal individual is necessary in *Morals by Agreement*

Chair: Mo Al-Hakim

Room 4 10:45-12:00 Vangelis Chiotis (University of York)

Constrained Maximization as Evolutionary Equilibria

Chair: Alejandro Rosas Lopez

### **Session Five**

Room 1 12:00-1:15 Preston Greene (Rutgers University)

Rethinking Constrained Maximization

Chair: Eric Chewang

Room 2 12:00-1:15 John Thrasher (University of Arizona)

Continuing Gauthier's Project: Integrating insights from evolutionary and moral psychology

Chair: Bruno Verbeek

Room 3 12:00-1:15 Micha Glaeser (Harvard University)

Hypothetical Contracts and Actual Choices: Does Gauthier have a social contract theory?

Chair: Baldwin Wong

Room 4 12:00-1:15 Michael Moehler (Virginia Tech)

A Hobbesian Derivation of the Principle of Universalization

Chair: Vangelis Chiotis

### **1:15-2:15 Lunch**

2:15-3:45 Plenary Session 5

Peter Danielson (Mary & Maurice Young Professor of Applied Ethics, UBC)

Realizing Morals by Agreement: An Experimental Cognitive Systems Approach

**Chair: Mo Al-Hakim**

**3:45-4:00 Break**

**Session Six**

Room 1 4:00-5:15 Alejandro Rosas Lopez (Universidd Nacional de Columbia)

The Alignment of Self-Interest and Morality by Evolutionary Design

Chair: Preston Greene

Room 2 4:00-5:15 Donald W. Bruckner (Penn State – New Kensington)

Considered Preference and Value

Chair: John Thrasher

Room 3 4:00-5:15 Bruno Verbeek (Leiden University)

Social Contract and Will: Gauthier's (limited) vindication of voluntarism

Chair: Micha Glaeser

Room 4 4:00-5:15 Erez Aloni (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Are There Two Faces of Contractarism?

Chair: Micheal Moehler

**5:15-5:30 Break**

5:30-7:00 Key Note Address – David Gauthier

Chair: Susan Dimock

7:00 Dinner

***Sunday May 15***

9:00-9:30 Coffee

9:30-11:00 Plenary Session 6

Claire Finkelstein (University of Pennsylvania)

Pragmatic Rationality and Risk

Chair: Mo Al-Hakim

**11:00-11:15 Break**

**Session Seven**

Room 1 11:15-12:30 Andrew J. Corsa (Syracuse University)

The Two Moralities of Thomas Hobbes

Chair: Chris MacDonald

Room 2 11:15-12:30 Peter Timmerman (University of Groningen)

Translucency and the Rationality of Being Moral

Chair: David Robichaud

Room 3 11:15-12:30 Rebecca MacIntosh

Rationally Compelling Reasons to Act Irrationally

Chair: Anita Superson

Room 4 Howard Adelman (York University)

Recognition, Refugees and Victims of Genocide: A Hegelian Critique of Gauthier's Contractarianism

Chair: David Robichaud Jan Narveson

**12:30-1:30 Lunch**

1:30-3:00 Plenary Session 7:

Albert Weale (ESRC Professorial Fellow & Professor of Political Theory and Public Policy, University College of London UK)

Economic Redistribution and the Contract Method

**Chair: Susan Dimock**

Break 3:00-3:15

**Session Eight**

Room 1 3:15-4:30 Chris MacDonald (Rotman School of Management and Saint Mary's University)

'Proxy' Contractarianism: Relaxing the Assumption of Non-tuism

Chair: Garrett MacSweeney

Room 2 3:15-4:30 David Robichaud (University of Ottawa)

Is a Real Hobbesian a Leftist Hobbesian?

Chair: Peter Timmerman

Room 3 3:15-4:30 Anita M Superson (University of Kentucky)

Standards of Rationality and the Challenge of the Moral Skeptic

Chair: Rebecca MacIntosh

Room 4 3:15-4:30 Jan Narveson (University of Waterloo)

The Only Game in Town?

Chair: Howard Adelman

### **Session Nine**

Room 1 4:30-5:45 Joerg Kuehnelt (New York University)

How should rational individuals endorse the results of a hypothetical agreement?

Chair: Chris MacDonald

Room 2 4:30-5:45 Laurence Thomas (Syracuse University)

Trust, Rationality, and Vulnerability: Gauthier's conception of the other

Chair: Mo Al-Hakim

Room 3 4:30-5:45 Steven T. Kuhn (Georgetown University)

Gauthier and the Prisoner's Dilemma

Chair: Andrew Corsa

Please note that the registration fee includes all conference material, coffee/tea/snack breaks every day as indicated, a reception on Friday and a dinner on Saturday.