

FULL PROGRAMME

London School of Philosophy

Philosophy for the Capital

Summer School 2019: Wed 3rd July - Fri 5th July

Philosophical Questions: What? How? Why?

9.00am - 5.00pm, Brockway Room, Ground Floor, Conway Hall

Link to Flyer: <http://www.londonschoolofphilosophy.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/LSP-Summer-School-flyer-2019.pdf>

Wed 3 July: What? Questions of definition

9.00-9.30 Registration

9.30-11.00

Meade McCloughan (LSP) – What is Telic Explanation?

11.15-12.45

Brendan Larvor (Herts) – What is Administration as a Vocation?

12.45-13.30 Lunch (own arrangements)

13.30-15.00

Jane O'Grady (LSP) – What is Sincerity?

15.15-16.45

Rupert Read (UEA) – What is the Meaning of Life, when all life is under existential threat?



Thurs 4 July: How? Questions of explanation

9.00-9.30 Registration

9.30-11.00

Arnold Zuboff (UCL) – How to Solve the Problem of Induction and Answer Scepticism

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11.15-12.45

Rachel Paine (OUDCE, Oxford) – How should we understand the concept of diversity?

12.45-13.30 Lunch (own arrangements)

13.30-15.00

Julia Weckend (OUDCE, Oxford) – How does Reason work?

15.15-16.45

Roman Frigg (LSE) – How should we invest in mitigation to improve the lives of future generations?



Fri 5 July: Why? Questions of purpose

9.00-9.30 Registration

9.30-11.00

Piers Benn (Fordham in London) – Why should Sisyphus push the rock up the Hill?

11.15-12.45

Andrea Lechler (OUDCE, Oxford) – Why-questions: Can we avoid ending up in a circle or an infinite regress in trying to answer them?

12.45-13.30 Lunch (own arrangements)

13.30-15.00

Hallvard Lillehammer (Birkbeck) – Why should you worry about Moral Luck?

15.15-16.45

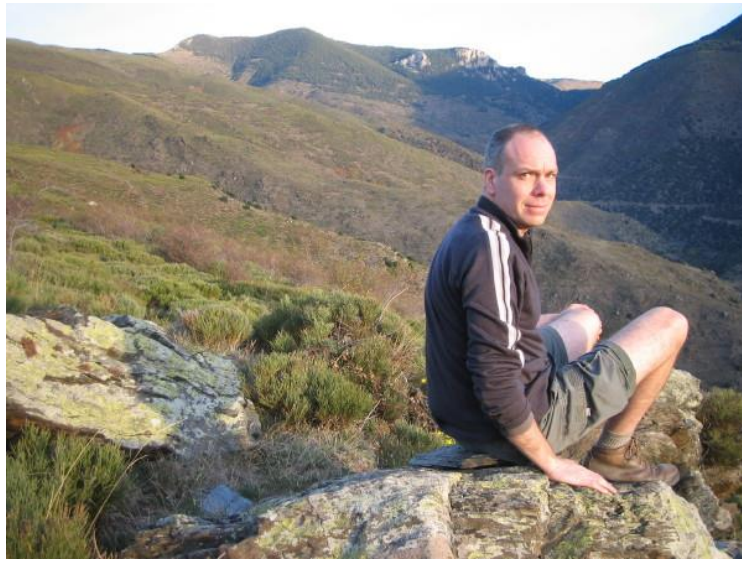
Shahrar Ali (LSP) – Why is Lying sometimes Justified?

17.00 Close

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES & OPTIONAL READINGS

Meade McCloughan



Meade McCloughan studied philosophy and literature at the University of Warwick and philosophy at the University of London, first at Birkbeck College (MPhil thesis: critical sociability in Kant's aesthetic theory), then UCL (PhD thesis: Kant's theory of progress). His interests are in modern European philosophy from the enlightenment onwards, in particular Kant, Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche and Heidegger.

Brendan Larvor



Brendan Larvor studied philosophy and mathematics at Balliol College before embarking on a brief career as a systems analyst. He quickly resumed his studies in philosophy, taking an MA from Queen's University Ontario before returning to Balliol to write a doctoral thesis on the philosophy of mathematics of Imre Lakatos. He taught at the Universities of Liverpool and Oxford before joining Hertfordshire in 1997. His current project is to develop a historically sensitive and properly philosophical approach to the study of mathematical practice. In recent years, he has developed a philosophical interest in pedagogy in higher education.

Optional reading: Max Weber "Science as a Vocation"

<http://www.wisdom.weizmann.ac.il/~oded/X/WeberScienceVocation.pdf>

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES & OPTIONAL READINGS

Jane O'Grady



Jane O'Grady was a Visiting Lecturer and Honorary Fellow at City University. She co-edited Blackwell's Dictionary of Philosophical Quotations with A. J. Ayer, is philosophy obituarist for the Guardian, and writes reviews and articles for various papers, magazines and web-sites. Her Enlightenment Philosophy in a Nutshell (Arcturus) was published in January this year.

Rupert Read



Rupert Read is a Reader in Philosophy at the University of East Anglia. His key research interests are in environmental philosophy, Wittgenstein, and philosophy of film. He is the former chair of the UK-based post-growth think tank, Green House, and is a former Green Party of England and Wales councillor, spokesperson, European parliamentary candidate and national parliamentary candidate. His most recent book A Film-Philosophy of Ecology and Enlightenment was published by Routledge in early 2019.

Optional reading: R Read, "Some Thoughts on "Civilisational Succession"
<http://www.truthandpower.com/rupe-rt-read-some-thoughts-on-civilisational-succession/>

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES & OPTIONAL READINGS

Arnold Zuboff



Dr Arnold Zuboff is Honorary Senior Research Associate in the philosophy department at UCL, in which he lectured from 1974 till his retirement in 2011. He has worked on metaphysics, epistemology and ethics and is the discoverer of the Sleeping Beauty problem.

Optional reading: A Zuboff, “A Justification of Empirical Inference”
<https://philpapers.org/archive/ZUBAJO.pdf>

Rachel Paine



Rachel Paine has been a tutor with the OUDCE (Oxford) since 2005 and has published on Arendt, Heidegger, Hume, and embodied mind theories. She works with a wide range of philosophies, including Continental, Eastern, Early American and Feminist philosophy and is a founding member of the Philosophy Forum supported by The Stuart Low Trust, a mental health charity. (www.philosophylives.com)

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES & OPTIONAL READINGS

Julia Weckend



Julia Weckend has taught philosophy at the Universities of Southampton and Reading before joining Oxford University's Department for Continuing Education as a tutor in 2014. She is broadly interested in Leibnizian ideas on metaphysics, epistemology and modes of reasoning and logic. Her publications include papers on Leibniz's notions of freedom and possibility, Leibniz's notion of certainty, and Leibniz's influence on Hume's theory of inductive reasoning. She is the co-editor of *Tercentenary Essays on the Philosophy and Science of Leibniz* (Palgrave 2016), and co-editor of *Leibniz's Legacy and Impact* (Routledge 2019).

Roman Frigg



Roman Frigg is Professor of Philosophy at the LSE, Director of the Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science and Co-Director of the Centre for the Analysis of the Time Series. He holds a PhD in philosophy from the University of London, and masters degrees in theoretical physics and philosophy from the University of Basel, Switzerland. His research interests lie in general philosophy of science and philosophy of physics, and he has published papers on climate change, quantum mechanics, scientific realism, computer simulations, reductionism, confirmation, and the relation between art and science.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES & OPTIONAL READINGS

Piers Benn



Dr Piers Benn teaches Philosophical Ethics at Fordham University London Centre, a post he held concurrently with a Visiting Lectureship in Philosophy at Heythrop College until 2018. His previous posts include Lectureships in Philosophy at the Universities of Leeds and St. Andrews and a Lectureship in Medical Ethics & Law at Imperial College London. He is the author of *Ethics* (Routledge 2000) and *Commitment* (Acumen Press 2011). He is currently writing *Intellectual Freedom and Political Polarisation* (Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming).

Optional reading: R Taylor, “The Meaning of Life”
<https://rintintin.colorado.edu/~vancecd/phil150/Taylor.pdf>

Andrea Lechler



Andrea Lechler holds degrees in Computational Linguistics from Stuttgart and an MSc in Artificial Intelligence from Edinburgh. She subsequently completed an MA in Philosophy at Leeds and a PhD in Philosophy at Reading. Since 2011, she has been teaching for Oxford University Department for Continuing Education and has taught on ethics, the meaning of life, philosophy of art, the self, political philosophy, critical reasoning, formal logic, and theory of knowledge. She is an active researcher and has published in both linguistics and philosophy. (www.andrealechler.com)

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES & OPTIONAL READINGS

Hallvard Lillehammer



Hallvard Lillehammer is Professor of Philosophy at Birkbeck. He was educated at UCL and Cambridge, where prior to joining Birkbeck he was a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Philosophy and a Fellow of King's College, Churchill College and the Judge Business School. He has also held appointments at KCL and Reading University. From 2013 to 2017 he was Head of the Department of Philosophy.

Shahrar Ali



Shahrar Ali studied philosophy at King's College London and UCL (PhD: Lying and deception) and has taught extensively across higher and continuing education (LSP, Birkbeck, Herts, WEA) with a particular focus on moral philosophy, applied ethics and professional ethics. He served on the boards of the Society for Applied Philosophy and European Ethics Network, worked in STOA European Parliament and has published work on GM risk and Shoot-to-kill policy. More recently, he is author of two popular books on Green politics (Biteback 2010, 2015) and regularly features in public festivals (Bloomsbury, Battle of Ideas, Ted Talks).

Optional reading: S Ali, "Why Shouldn't I Lie? Ten Preliminaries"
<https://philpapers.org/archive/ALIWSI.pdf>