8th Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy

16th and 17th of September 2010

CALL FOR PAPERS

On the 16th and 17th of September 2010, the Human Development, Capability and Poverty International Research Centre at the Institute for Advanced Study of Pavia (Italy), under the joint patronage of the Italian Society for Political Philosophy and the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy, will host the eighth edition of the Pavia Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy. This two-day conference is meant to offer graduate students an opportunity to present papers, get helpful feedback in a friendly atmosphere, and exchange ideas both with peers and with leading academics in the field of political philosophy. In addition to parallel sessions devoted to students’ presentations, there will also be two plenary sessions. Plenary speakers in past editions have been: Hillel Steiner, Anna Elisabetta Galeotti, Peter Jones, Gianfrancesco Zanetti, Jonathan Wolff, Michele Nicoletti, Philippe Van Parijs, Sebastian Maffettone, Giovanni Giorgini, Andrew Williams, David Miller, Alessandro Ferrara, Nadia Urbinati, and Michael Otsuka. This year’s keynote speakers will be:

Adam Swift (Balliol College, Oxford), speaking on "Parents' Rights, Children’s Schools: Shaping Values, Conferring Advantage"

Valeria Ottonelli (University of Genova), speaking on “Equal Respect, Democracy and Political Agency”

The conference organizers also intend to host a thematic session on issues of toleration and equal respect, assuming a sufficient number of relevant, high quality papers are submitted. Papers submitted for the thematic session should address such questions as:

- Do toleration and respect characterize qualitatively different kinds of relations?
- What distinguishes relations of toleration from those characterized in terms of indifference, modus vivendi or recognition?
- What distinguishes relations of respect from those of esteem or honour?
- In what ways may toleration and/or respect be viewed as the justifying ideals of liberal democratic institutions?

Four bursaries (funded by the Italian Ministry of Education and Research under the Project on “Toleration as Equal Respect”) are available covering two night accommodation for selected students submitting a paper for inclusion in the thematic session. All papers will go through blind review.
Graduate students interested in giving papers should send their contributions (max 2500/3000 words – in English) accompanied by a short abstract (max 300 words – in English) and a short CV, by Sunday 23rd May 2010. Papers may focus on any area within political philosophy, and presentations should take no longer than twenty minutes. Please note that the 23rd of May is also the deadline for registration for anyone who wishes to attend the conference without presenting a paper.

Conference registration is free of charge. Paper givers will be offered accommodation at reasonable prices in local university colleges. Accommodation fees and details will be arranged individually. Anyone who wishes to attend the conference without presenting a paper can write to check availability. Details about meal arrangements and conference programme to follow.

Please address all correspondence (including paper submissions and additional inquiries) to the conference email address: graduate.conference@iusspavia.it

Updated information will shortly be available on the conference website: www.iusspavia.it/hdcp