

Call for Abstracts

'The Political Role of Moral Emotions: Normative, Conceptual, and Practical Dimensions'

A conference to be held at The University of Geneva, 25-26 June 2020.

Organized by:

- The Department of Political Science and International Relations of the Geneva School of Social Sciences, University of Geneva, Switzerland, with the collaboration of the Thumos Research Group, Department of Philosophy, University of Geneva.
- Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics, Georgia State University, US.

Moral emotions play crucial roles in social interactions, claims of justice, and democratic participation. How should individuals and institutions understand and acknowledge the political significance of moral emotions?

This conference will be a forum for presenting original recent scholarship on how rigorous study of moral emotions illuminates, inter alia, institutional rights and duties, distributive justice, transitional justice, and studies of citizenship. We hope to foster philosophical discussions on the meaning and significance of moral emotions such as anger, shame, resentment, and envy, as well as how they may be mobilized and channeled to foster institutional reform and uphold political action. We welcome submissions from scholars working in these areas, from both normative and critical traditions, addressing different aspects of the political significance of moral emotions.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Moral emotions as motives for political reform
- Moral emotions as platforms for relations of mutual accountability
- Normative attitudes as emotions
- How moral emotions illuminate moral facts
- Moral emotions and the fittingness of reparative/transitional programmes
- Moral redress and moral emotions
- Moral emotions and structural injustice

Confirmed featured speakers:

- Carla Bagnoli, Professor of Theoretical Philosophy, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia
- Antti Kauppinen, Professor of Practical Philosophy at the University of Helsinki
- Victoria McGeer, Senior Research Scholar, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University; Associate Professor, Philosophy Program, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University
- Colleen Murphy, Professor, College of Law, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Department of Philosophy, Department of Political Science

Submitting a proposal:

1. Prepare an extended abstract as an attachment in MS Word or a .pdf (500-1000 words, including select bibliography). The abstract should be suitable for blind review.
2. Include in the body of the email relevant contact information: the author(s), department(s) and affiliation(s), mailing address(es), email address(es); and phone number(s).
3. Email the abstract and contact information to Marion Osborne at ethics@gsu.edu by **17:00 UTC, Friday 10 Jan. 2020**.

Authors of accepted proposals will be notified by mid-February 2020. Conference will provide all attending invited participants with refreshments and offer suggestions for area lodging.

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