

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Pragmatism and the Political

4-6th June 2015

EHESS – Amphi François Furet,
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In the last decades pragmatism has steadily and increasingly emerged as an innovative theoretical frame of reference for the study of political life in a plurality of diverse but related fields such as normative theory, international relations, theories of justice and democracy, the sociology of organizations and institutions, theories of collective mobilization and the study of controversies.

In these and other domains of political research, pragmatism has offered new theoretical insights and contributed to the opening of new lines of empirical research. This conference will bring together scholars from a plurality of disciplinary fields to assess the continuing relevance of pragmatism for the study of the political in a thoroughly interdisciplinary perspective.

Thursday, June 4th

Democracy and Institutions

9h.30-12h.30/14h-17h.30

- Roberto Frega (CNRS, CEMS-IMM), *Steps towards a Pragmatist Theory of Democracy*.
- Nadia Urbinati (Columbia University), *Pragmatism and the Overcoming of Discrete Individualism*.
- Charles Sabel (Columbia University), *Pragmatism and the Politics of Crisis*.
- Gregory Pappas (Texas A&M University), *The Pragmatist's Approach to Problems of Injustice*.
- Joelle Zask (Université Aix-Marseille), *The Usefulness of Pragmatism for a Democratic Conception of International Politics*.

Friday, June 5th

Resistance, Disobedience, and Mobilizations in the Public Space

9h.30-13h/14h.30-18h

- Christopher Ansell (California University at Berkeley), *The Protective State and the Problem-Solving State*.
- Daniel Cefaï (EHESS, CEMS-IMM), *Public Arena: A Pragmatist Concept of the Public Sphere*.
- Albert Ogien (CNRS, CEMS-IMM) – Sandra Laugier (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), *Democracy as Claim and as Form of Life*.
- Just Serrano Zamora (Frankfurt University and IfS), *Inquiring from below? Exploring the Democratic Value of Situated Inquiries*.
- José Medina (Vanderbilt University), *Pragmatism, Racial Frictions and Epistemic Injustice*.
- Francis Chateauraynaud (EHESS, GSPR), *Environmental Issues between Regulation and Conflict. Pragmatic Views on Ecological Controversies*.

Saturday, June 6th

Pragmatism as a Critical Project

9h.30-14h

- Torjus Midtgarden (Bergen University), *Dewey's Publics Reconsidered: Process Ontology, Communication and Vulnerable Agents*.
- Emmanuel Renault (Université Paris-Ouest), *Dewey's Pragmatism and Frankfurt Critical Theory as Social Philosophies*.
- Bénédicte Zimmermann (EHESS, Centre Georg Simmel), *How Critical can Pragmatism be? On Some Pragmatist Foundations for Critical Sociology*.
- Molly Cochran (Brooks College Oxford), *The Pragmatism of Jane Addams: International Justice and the Ethics of Social Radicalism*.