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About the conference

The conference aims to bring together political philosophers, political theorists, intellectual historians as well as other scholars interested in Machiavelli's political thought and its significance for understanding the contemporary political predicament. Such discussion should explore the potential of Machiavelli's thought and help to elucidate e.g. the roots of the current crisis of democracy, the potential of populist and plebeian politics to tackle this crisis or the role of conflict and violence in contemporary politics.

The conference is organised by two Charles University departments, the *Institute of Political Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences*, and the *Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts*, together with the *School of International Relations and Diplomacy, Anglo-American University*.

The conference organisers are grateful for the support provided by the *Centre for Political Philosophy, Ethics and Religion* at the *Faculty of Arts*, and *Political Science Society*.

About the series

Ideas in Politics is a biennial series of conferences in political theory, political philosophy and related disciplines.

The conferences focus on theoretically and politically important topics that are relevant for political theorists and political philosophers, as well as empirically-oriented political scientists and scholars from related fields, such as moral philosophy, sociology or history.

Organising institutions

Institute of Political Studies

The Institute of Political Studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University was established shortly after the Velvet Revolution in 1990. Today, the Institute comprises the Departments of Political Science, International Relations and Security Studies and the Centre for Security Policy. It offers degree programmes in Czech and English languages at undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels of study.

The Institute of Political Studies publishes two peer-reviewed journals: *Acta Politologica* (ACPO) and *The Annual of Language & Politics and Politics of Identity* (ALPPI), both of which are indexed in the Scopus database, and hosts (or co-hosts) various international conferences including the 2016 ECPR General Conference.

Department of Political Science

The Department of Political Science is the oldest political science department in the Czech Republic being established in the late sixties. However, the department was closed down shortly thereafter, following the fall of the Prague spring. The department was re-established shortly after the so-called Velvet revolution at the end of 1989. Since then, the department has focused mainly on political theory. It offers degree programmes in political theory in the Czech language at undergraduate and graduate level and political science programme in Czech and English languages at the doctoral level of study.

Keynote Speakers

Filippo Del Lucchese

Filippo Del Lucchese is a Senior Lecturer in the History of Political Thought at Brunel University London.

His research interests include the history of early modern political thought (from Renaissance to the Enlightenment), history of philosophy and Marxism. He is the author of *Conflict, Power, and Multitude in Machiavelli and Spinoza: Tumult and Indignation* (Continuum Press 2009) and *The Political Philosophy of Niccolò Machiavelli* (Edinburgh University Press 2015).

Filippo Del Lucchese will present keynote lecture entitled *Democracy and Conflict: A Machiavellian Perspective*.

Jeffrey Green

Jeffrey Green is Professor and Director of Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, University of Pennsylvania.

He is a political theorist with broad interests in democracy, ancient and modern political philosophy and contemporary social theory. He received Penn's Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching by an Assistant Professor in 2013. Since 2017, he is the Director of the Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy. He is the author of two books: *The Shadow of Unfairness: A Plebeian Theory of Liberal Democracy* (Oxford, 2016), and *The Eyes of the People: Democracy in an Age of Spectatorship* (Oxford, 2010).

Jeffrey Green will present keynote lecture entitled *Ten Theses on Machiavelli*.

Lawrence Hamilton

Lawrence Hamilton is the NRF/British Academy Research Professor in Political Theory, Witwatersrand and Cambridge University.

He teaches and researches on various topics in contemporary political theory, such as states, power, representation, freedom, needs, rights and democracy. He is an elected member of the Academy of Science of South Africa and the editor-in-chief of *Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory*. He is the author of several books including *The Political Philosophy of Needs* (Cambridge University Press 2003), *Are South Africans Free?* (Bloomsbury 2014), and *Freedom is Power: Liberty Through Political Representation* (Cambridge University Press 2014).

Lawrence Hamilton's keynote lecture is entitled *Machiavelli and Modern Democracy*.

Vittorio Morfino

Vittorio Morfino is associate professor at the Department of Scienze umane per la formazione at Università di Milano Bicocca.

His main interest is the history of philosophy with special focus on Machiavelli, Spinoza, Marx, and Althusser. Professor Morfino has authored and edited numerous books that were translated to English, French and Spanish. His most recent books include among others *Plural Temporality: Transindividuality and the Aleatory Between Spinoza and Althusser* (Haymarket books 2015), *The Spinoza-Machiavelli Encounter: Time and Occasion* (Edinburgh University Press 2019). He is also the editor of *Quaderni materialisti* and of *Décálogos*.

Vittorio Morfino's keynote lecture is entitled *The Development of Machiavelli's Althusserian Reading and its Political Significance*.

Yves Winter

Yves Winter is associate professor of political science at McGill University in Montreal.

Professor Winter's research is concerned with theoretical and historical questions concerning the relationship between violence and political imaginaries. Apart from having published numerous articles in distinguished journals like *Political theory*, *Constellations* and *Contemporary Political Theory*, he is the author of the book *Machiavelli and the Orders of Violence* (Cambridge University Press 2018).

Professor Winter will present a keynote lecture entitled *Analysing State Violence: A Machiavellian Frame*.

Friday, November 15th

9.00 – 10.00 AM **Registration**

10.00 – 11.30 AM **Panel Session 1**

Room 2.07 Panel 1.1 **Democracy, Populism, Republicanism I**

<i>Max Morris</i>	Chair
Lei Letian	<i>Machiavellianism and Emmanuel Macron</i>
Benjamin Schmid	<i>On the Relevance of Niccolò Machiavelli's Understanding of Time for Contemporary Politics</i>
Stefano Papa	<i>Obsolescence and the Limits of Collective Learning. On the Discourses I, 13</i>

Room 3.26 Panel 1.2 **Politics, Ethics, Violence I**

<i>Brian Smith</i>	Chair
Augusto Dolfo	<i>Machiavelli and the Autonomy of Politics Thesis</i>
Zeliha Dişci	<i>The Continuity of Political Power in Machiavelli and the Problem of Sovereignty</i>
Dimitrios Kotroyannos; Stylianos Ioannis Tzagkarakis	<i>Machiavelli against Machiavellianism: The new "arte dello stato"</i>

Room 2.18 Panel 1.3 Historical and Theoretical Debates I

Spartaco Pupo	Chair
Matteo Cesare Mario Casiraghi; Francesco Testini	<i>Intellectuals, Politicians and Rhetorical Political Analysis: Machiavelli à la carte in the Italian Parliament 1861-1994</i>
Andrea Di Carlo	<i>Machiavelli and Contemporary Italian Populist Politics: The Prince and The Discourses</i>
Giuseppe Sciara	<i>A Thinker for the Crisis Moments: Political uses of Machiavelli's Thought from French Revolution to the Second Republic</i>

11.30 AM – 12.00 PM Coffee Break**12:00 – 1:30 PM Panel Session 2**

Room 2.07 Panel 2.1 Democracy, Populism, Republicanism II

Alessandro Mulieri	Chair
Natasha Piano	<i>Machiavelli and the "Modern Machiavellians": Machiavelli and the Elite Tradition in Contemporary Political Thought</i>
Eric Janec	<i>Machiavelli's Lessons for Modernity: Normative Realism in Democracy</i>
Miguel Saralegui	<i>The Prince's Populism</i>

Room 3.26 Panel 2.2 Politics, Ethics, Violence II

Gio Maria Tessorolo	Chair
Piotr Kimla	<i>Machiavelli's Timeless Political and Ethical Findings</i>

Monika Mazur-Bubak *Fear and Love - Two Emotions as the Basis of Politics*

Alberto Simonetti *Machiavelli Between Reason and Madness*

Room 2.18 Panel 2.3 Historical and Theoretical Debates II

Andrea Di Carlo Chair

Elizaveta Elisseva *A Man in Politics: From Machiavelli's definitions of power, freedom and valour through Max Weber theory of management and charisma understanding to practical politics of T. G. Masaryk*

Luke Ilott *Michel Foucault, France's Machiavellian Moment and the Uses of History in Political Thought*

Efthimios Karayiannides *Althusser's New Prince, the 'Crisis of Marxism' and the Challenge of Populism*

1.30 – 2.30 PM Lunch

2.30 – 4.00 PM Panel Session 3

Room 2.07 Panel 3.1 Democracy, Populism, Republicanism III

Miguel Saralegui Chair

Christopher Holman *Machiavellian Freedom and Equality: The Differing Democratic Conceptions of The Discourses on Livy and The Florentine Histories*

Max Morris *The Wisdom and Nature of the People: Leo Strauss and John McCormick on Machiavelli*

Alessandro Mulieri	<i>Machiavelli or the Theorist as a Popular Preacher</i>
Camila Vergara	<i>Machiavelli and the Plebeian Power to Create and Punish. Towards a Republican Theory of Constituent Power</i>

Room 3.26 Panel 3.2 Politics, Ethics, Violence III

Jakub Franěk	Chair
Hugo Tavera Villegas	<i>Machiavelli on Exodus 32: Moses and the combat of envy</i>
Waldemar Hanasz	<i>The Dilemmatic Nature of Politics in Machiavelli's Thought</i>
Gio Maria Tassarolo	<i>Between Form and Matter: Rethinking Machiavelli's Concept of Corruption</i>
Brian Smith	<i>Killing the Innocent in the 16th Century and Today</i>

Room 2.18 Panel 3.3 Historical and Theoretical Debates III

Matteo Cesare Mario Casiraghi	Chair
Matthew Slaboch	<i>The Hedgehog, the Fox, and the Lion: An Essay on Machiavelli's View of History</i>
Spartaco Pupo	<i>History, Political Science, and Trade. The original Machiavelli of David Hume</i>
Phil Harris	<i>Reflections on Machiavelli's Contribution to Management, Marketing and Public Affairs</i>
Theodore Lai	<i>Time, Virtù and the State of Exception: A Machiavellian Approach to Emergency Powers</i>

Transfer to the Faculty of Arts building

4.30 – 7.00 PM

Plenary Session I

(Faculty of Arts building, Room 131)

Filippo Del Lucchese

Democracy and Conflict: A Machiavellian Perspective

Vittorio Morfino

The Development of Machiavelli's Althusserian Reading and its Political Significance

Transfer to the Anglo-American University building

7.30 PM

Reception

Saturday, November 16th

9.00 – 10.00 AM **Panel Session 4**

Room 2.07 Panel 4.1 **Politics and Conflict I**

<i>Jan Bíba</i>	Chair
Kateřina Kubíková	<i>Machiavelli's Perfect Republic: Relationship between class conflict and sortition</i>
Carlos Corrochano Pérez	<i>Conflict and Politics: The Relevance of Italian thought from Machiavelli to Esposito</i>

Room 3.26 Panel 4.2 **Historical and Theoretical Debates IV**

<i>Phil Harris</i>	Chair
Birte Loschenkohl	<i>"Fit to Rule a Kingdom": Machiavelli's Mandragora and political judgment</i>
Adam Smrcz	<i>Freedom and Political Agency in Machiavelli</i>

10.00 – 10.30 AM **Coffee Break**

10.30 – 12.00 PM **Panel Session 5**

Room 2.07 Panel 5.1 **Politics and Conflict II**

<i>Jan Bíba</i>	Chair
Luana Maria Alagna	<i>Claude Lefort as Interpreter of Machiavellian Social Conflict</i>

Mattia Di Pierro	<i>Claude Lefort's Interpretation of Discourses and The Prince: Conflict, power and the people</i>
Emmanuel Charreau	<i>La Boétie with and against Machiavelli : Thinking conflict and desire in contemporary politics with Claude Lefort</i>

Room 3.26 Panel 5.2 Machiavelli and IR

Daniela Lenčėš Chalániová	Chair
Manjeet Ramgotra	<i>Freedom and the Expansive Republic in Machiavelli's Political Thought</i>
Tereza Smejkalová	<i>The Role of Violence in Russian Politics and Machiavelli's Perspective</i>
Pnina Shuker	<i>Machiavelli in the Mirror of the Democratic Struggle with Foreign Intervention</i>

12.00 – 1.00 PM Lunch

Transfer to the Faculty of Arts building

**1.30 – 5.00 PM Plenary Session II
(Faculty of Arts building, Room 131)**

Jeffrey E. Green	<i>Ten Theses on Machiavelli</i>
Lawrence Hamilton	<i>Machiavelli and Modern Democracy</i>
Yves Winter	<i>Analysing State Violence: A Machiavellian Frame</i>

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