

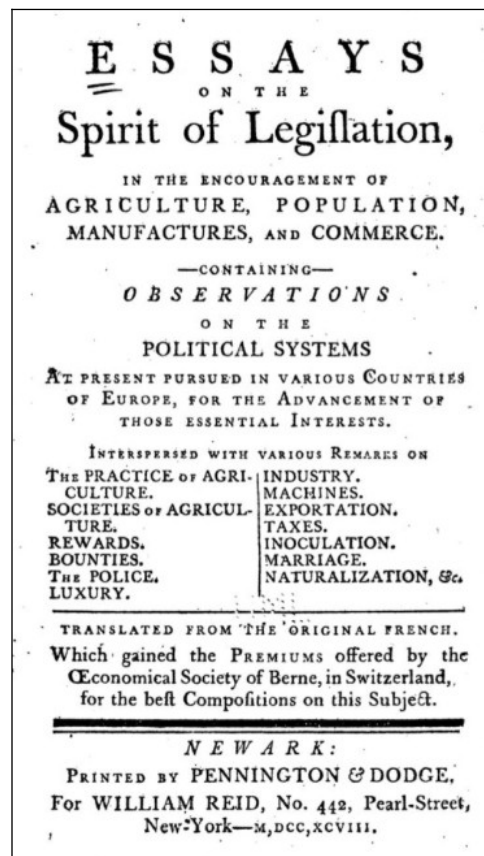


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We have the pleasure of inviting you to the workshop:

*The Spirit of Legislation:
Agrarian Republican Reform Theory
in the Enlightenment*



on Friday, February 22, 2019, at 10:00 am
at New Europe College (Plantel 21)

Convener:

Professor Béla Kapossy (History Department, University of Lausanne)

Participants:

Auguste BERTHOLET, Graham CLURE, Béla KAPOSSY, Radek SZYMAŃSKI

This workshop will discuss an ongoing research project based at the University of Lausanne, *Enlightenment Agrarian Republics: From the Vaud to Poland and America* (<http://wp.unil.ch/agrarianrepublics>). In 1762, two young Polish aristocrats, the brothers Michał and Jozef Mniszech, were sent to Switzerland to be educated by Elie Bertrand, the secretary of the Economic Society of Bern. The Mniszechs immediately sponsored a prize-essay competition, the result of which was one of the Economic Society's most important publications, *De l'Esprit de la Législation*. This collection of prize-winning essays was translated into Italian, English and German and was read throughout Europe and in America. It provides an important window on eighteenth-century reform theory, particularly in relation to the economic ideas of Montesquieu, the French Physiocrats, the German Cameralists, Hume, Smith, and Malthus. The Mniszechs and Bertrand subsequently toured Europe, a trip which illuminates the practical concerns of reformers in Poland, Switzerland and the United States.

Program

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| 10:00-10:30 | Prof Béla Kapossy, University of Lausanne
<i>Introduction: The Spirit of Legislation</i> |
| 10:30-11:00 | Mr Radek Szymański, University of Lausanne
<i>The Mniszechs' Economic Grand Tour</i> |
| 11:00-11:15 | Coffee Break |
| 11:15-11:45 | Mr Auguste Bertholet, University of Lausanne
<i>The Vaudois Reform Discourse</i> |
| 11:45-12:15 | Dr Graham Clure, University of Lausanne
<i>From the Vaud and Poland to America</i> |

12:15-12:35

Conclusions and Q&A

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