

Spirit of Legislation Conference

Lausanne, 25th February 2022

Morning Session

10h00 – 12h30 : The *Spirit of Legislation*

Béla Kapossy (University of Lausanne) Introduction

Radek Szymanski (University of Lausanne – EPFL) 'Spirit of Legislation in the Context of the Planned Reform of the Government of Poland'

Auguste Bertholet (University of Lausanne), 'The Economic Society of Bern's Spirit of Legislation Prize-Essay Competition. A Collective Reform Project for Economic Development'

Aris Della Fontana (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa – University of Lausanne), 'A "Gran Modello" for Thinking Economic Regeneration: The Italian Reception of Jean Bertrand's *Esprit de la Législation* (1766-1813)'

Graham Clure (Fondazione 1563, Turin), 'Rousseau's Second Letter to d'Alembert: Comparative Political Economy and Historical Development in Switzerland'

Cailean Gallagher (University of St Andrews), 'The first husbandmen: impressions of Swiss agrarian policy and the *Spirit of Legislation* in early Scottish and English political economy'

Comments: Sylvana Tomaselli (Cambridge University) and Michael Sonenscher (Cambridge University)

12h30 – 14h00 : Lunch Break

Afternoon Session

14h00 – 15h15: Agricultural reform discourse in Europe

Lavinia Maddaluno (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), '"The immense multitude of projectors which floods our country": the political economy of soil in Habsburg Lombardy (XVIII century)'

Lina Weber (University of St Andrews), 'Dugald Stewart and agricultural reform in Britain after Enlightenment'

15h30 – 17h00 : From the *Spirit of Legislation* to post-revolutionary reform debates
Roundtable discussion

Iain McDaniel (University of Sussex)

Isaac Nakhimovsky (Yale University)

Eva Piirimäe (University of Tartu)

Ariel Ron (Southern Methodist University)

Balázs Trencsényi (Central European University)

Richard Whatmore (University of St Andrews)

Venue: EPFL Lausanne, room BP 1122

Link for online participation: <https://epfl.zoom.us/j/67511123312>

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