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April 3–6, 2025

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Welcome to the Public Policy and Egalitarian Justice Conference at the University of Georgia. We are thrilled to host this gathering of renowned scholars and emerging voices from around the world to engage in critical conversations at the intersection of political philosophy and public policy.

From April 3–6, 2025, the Georgia Center will serve as a hub for thoughtful dialogue on the moral and practical dimensions of egalitarian justice, with discussions spanning education, disability, poverty alleviation, employment, and economic reform.

Directed by UGA's Alexander Kaufman—an esteemed scholar whose work has shaped contemporary understandings of justice—this conference offers a unique opportunity to reflect on how principles of equality can inform and transform public policy in meaningful ways.



THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

6:00 Welcome Dinner
Magnolia Ballroom

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025

*All panels will be held in Conference Room L
on the second floor. Breakfast (continental) and lunch
will be in the space directly outside the conference room.*

Breakfast available starting at 8:00

9:15–9:30– Welcome

Section 1: Foundations

9:30–10:15: “The Significance of Rational Agency Capacities Above the Threshold for Personhood,” Richard Arneson, Arneson, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, University of California, San Diego.

10:15–10:45: Break

10:45–11:30: "Pure Procedure, Allocation, and Reasons," Alexander Kaufman, Professor of Political Science, University of Georgia.



FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025

11:30–12:15: "Permissible Inequality," Peter Lidsay, Professor of Philosophy and Political Science, Georgia State University.

12:15–1:00: "A Kantian: Right to Equality," S.M. Love, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Georgia State University.

1:00–2:00: Lunch

2:00–2:45: "What's Unjust about Structural Inequality?," Nicholas Vrousalis, Associate Professor in Practical Philosophy, Erasmus University, Rotterdam.

2:45–3:30: Lori Watson: Toward a General Theory of Domination," Lori Watson, Chair and Professor of Philosophy, Washington University. St. Louis.

3:30–4:00: Break

4:00–4:45: "Discontinuity in the Theory of Value: Ill-Being, Sufficiency, Priority, and Equality," – Clark Wolf, Director of Bioethics; Chair, Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture; Professor, Department of Philosophy, Iowa State University.

6:00: Dinner
Magnolia Ballroom



SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

All panels will be held in Conference Room L on the second floor. Breakfast (continental) and lunch will be in the space directly outside the conference room.

Breakfast available starting at 8:00

Section 2: Public Policy

9:30–10:15: "Addressing Intimate Partner Violence," Elizabeth Brake, Professor of Philosophy, Rice University.

10:15–10:45: Break

10:45–11:30: "Disability Accommodations in Rawls's Justice," Adam Cureton, Professor of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

11:30–12:15: "Accountability without Equality in Social Relations with Thinking Animals," Jon Garthoff, Professor of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

12:15–1:00: "When Asking for Consent is Wrong," Mollie Gerver, Assistant Professor in International Ethics, King's College, London – via Zoom.

1:00–2:00: Lunch



SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

2:00–2:45: "The Right to Become a Parent," Anca Gheaus, Assistant Professor, Central European University, Vienna – Via Zoom.

2:45–3:30: "The Capabilities in Contrast with the Equal Opportunity Approach: the Case of the European Child Guarantee," Ortrud Lessmann, Senior Researcher, German Youth Institute, Munich.

3:30–4:00: Break

4:00–4:45: Equality and Religious Freedom," Alan Patten, Howard Harrison and Gabrielle Snyder Beck Professor of Politics; Director, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University.

6:00: Dinner
Oak Room



SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

Breakfast available starting at 8:00am

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Thank you for attending the Public Policy and Egalitarian Justice Conference at the University of Georgia. We are grateful for your contributions to a rich and inspiring exchange of ideas on some of the most pressing issues of justice and public policy today.

This event was proudly hosted by the Department of Political Science in UGA's School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA), a nationally ranked program committed to rigorous research, engaged teaching, and the preparation of future leaders in public service and academia.

With strengths in political theory, American politics, comparative politics, and international relations, our joint graduate program in Political Science and International Affairs consists of a dynamic community of scholars dedicated to advancing understanding of political life and promoting the public good.



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