

# Political Economy and the Good Life: The 2024 Postliberalism Conference

Centre for Social Renewal, Energeia and the Telos-Paul Piccone Institute

13-14 December 2024

McCrum Lecture Theatre, Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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| 09.00 – 09.30 | Arrival, registration and coffee  |
| 09.30 – 10.00 | Welcome and overview: The Good Life and Political Economy – John Milbank, José Alberto Garibaldi (Energeia) & Mark S. Weiner (Telos-Paul Piccone Institute)   |
| 10.00 – 11.30 | <p><b>Keynote 1:</b> Michael Lind – Pluralism and the Social Constitution</p> <p>Moderator: Michael Gove (TBC)</p> <p>Panel discussion with Claire Ainsley, Jon Cruddas and Adrian Pabst</p>  |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | Coffee  |
| 12.00 – 13.30 | <p><b>Plenary Session 1:</b> The Crisis of Contemporary Capitalism and Civil Society</p> <p>Moderator: Alison Milbank</p> <p>Panellists: Luigino Bruni, Frances Foley and Brian Griffiths</p>   |
| 13.15 – 14.15 | Lunch   |
| 14.15 – 15.45 | <p><b>Plenary Session 2:</b> Beyond Global Capitalism and the Ecological Crisis: rebuilding national economies and societies</p> <p>Moderator: TBC</p> <p>Panellists: Sohrab Ahmari, David Engels, Mary Harrington and Wolfgang Streeck</p> |
| 15.45 – 16.15 | Tea   |
| 16.15 – 17.45 | <p><b>Plenary Session 3:</b> Economic Democracy and Political Participation</p> <p>Moderator: Hannah Barnes (TBC)</p> <p>Panellists: Dan Carden MP, Jonathan C.D. Clark, Will Hutton, Munira Mirza and Matthew Crawford (TBC)</p>           |
| 17.45 – 19.15 | <b>Plenary Session 4:</b> Geopolitics, Ecology and the International Economy  |

Moderator: José Alberto Garibaldi

Panellists: Richard Beardsworth, Maurice Glasman, Cameron Hepburn (TBC), Aris Roussinos and Harald Winkler (TBC)

19.30 **Conference dinner**

Speaker: Charles Taylor (TBC)

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024

09.00 – 09.30 Coffee

09.30 – 11.00 **Keynote 2:** John Milbank: The Politics of Virtue – A postliberal manifesto

Moderator: TBC

Panellists: Susannah Black Roberts, Tom McTague (TBC) and Imogen Sinclair

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee

11.30 – 13.00 **Plenary Session 5:** Left conservatism: the future?

Moderator: Jason Cowley

Panel discussion with Phillip Blond (TBC), Miriam Cates (TBC), Dan Hitchens, Katja Hoyer and Vidal Romero (TBC)

13.00 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 – 15.15 **Plenary Session 6:** Imagination and action: combatting the machine

Moderator: Esmé Partridge

Panellists: Tara Burton, Paul Kingsnorth, Alison Milbank and James Noyes

15.15 – 15.45 Tea

15.45 – 17.15 **Plenary Session 7:** Pursuing the Good Life: Nature, Demography and Politics

Moderator: Andy Scerri

Panellists: Ian Marcus Corbin, David Goodhart, Ruth Davis (TBC), José Alberto Garibaldi and Tobias Phibbs

17.15 – 18.45 **Plenary Session 8:** Renewing the West

Moderator: Adrian Pabst

Panel debate with Rémi Brague (TBC), Tom Holland, David Pan, Lola Salem and Sebastian Milbank

18.45 – 19.30 Drinks and departure

## **Speakers**

**Sohrab Ahmari**, Co-founder and Co-Editor, *Compact Magazine*

**Claire Ainsley**, Director of the Project on Center-Left Renewal, Progressive Policy Institute; Director of Policy, Labour Party (2020-22)

**Hannah Barnes**, Associate Editor, *New Statesman*; author of *Time to Think: The Inside Story of the Collapse of the Tavistock's Gender Service for Children* (2023)

**Richard Beardsworth**, Professor of International Relations, University of Leeds

**Phillip Blond**, Director, ResPublica

**Rémi Brague**, Emeritus Professor of Arabic and religious philosophy, Paris Sorbonne, and Romano Guardini chair of philosophy, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich

**Luigino Bruni**, Professor of Economics, LUMSA University Rome

**Tara Isabella Burton**, author and novelist

**Dan Carden MP**, Labour Member of Parliament, Liverpool Walton

**Miriam Cates**, former Conservative Member of Parliament for Penistone and Stocksbridge

**Jonathan C.D. Clark**, historian

**Ian Marcus Corbin**, philosopher at Harvard Medical School

**Jason Cowley**, Editor-in-Chief, *The New Statesman*

**Matthew Crawford**, writer and research fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia

**Jon Cruddas**, author of *The Dignity of Labour* (2021) and *A Century of Labour* (2024); former Labour MP for Dagenham and Rainham

**Ruth Davis**, Deputy Director for Policy, RSPB

**Will Dunn**, Economics Editor, *The New Statesman*

**David Engels**, Chair of Roman History, Université Libre de Bruxelles and senior analyst, Instytut Zachodni, Poznań

**Frances Foley**, Deputy Director, Compass

**José Alberto Garibaldi**, Director, Enegeia Network; Lead, Learning by Doing initiative

**Maurice Glasman**, Labour Life Peer; Director, Common Good Foundation

**David Goodhart**, Head of Demography, Immigration & Integration, Policy Exchange

**Michael Gove**, Editor, *The Spectator*; former Cabinet Minister (2010-2024)

**Brian Griffiths**, Conservative Life Peer; former Head of No 10 Policy Unit

**Mary Harrington**, Contributing Editor, *UnHerd* and author of *Feminism against Progress* (2022)

**Cameron Hepburn**, Battcock Professor of Environmental Economics at the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, University of Oxford

**Dan Hitchens**, Senior Editor, *First Things*

**Tom Holland**, historian and author

**Katja Hoyer**, Visiting Research Fellow, King's College London, and author of *Beyond the Wall* (2023)

**Will Hutton**, President, Academy of Social Sciences; columnist, *The Observer*; author of *This Time No Mistakes* (2024)

**Paul Kingsnorth**, writer

**Michael Lind**, academic and writer; author of *The New Class War* (2020) and *Hell to Pay* (2023)

**Tom McTague**, Political Editor, *UnHerd*

**Alison Milbank**, Emeritus Professor of Theology and Literature, University of Nottingham

**John Milbank**, Emeritus Professor of Religion, Politics and Ethics, University of Nottingham

**Sebastian Milbank**, Online Editor, *The Critic*

**Munira Mirza**, Director, Civic Future; Head of the No 10 Policy Unit (2019-2022)

**James Noyes**, Senior Fellow, Social Market Foundation

**Adrian Pabst**, Professor of Politics, University of Kent, and author of *Postliberal Politics* (2021)

**David Pan**, Editor, *Telos*

**Tobias Phibbs**, Deputy Director, Common Good Foundation

**Aris Roussinos**, Contributing Editor, *UnHerd*

**Jonathan Rutherford**, academic and Contributing Editor, *The New Statesman*

**Lola Salem**, Lecturer in Music (Oriel), University of Oxford

**Freddie Sayers**, Editor-in-Chief, *UnHerd*

**Andy Scerri**, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Virginia Tech

**Imogen Sinclair**, Director, New Social Covenant Unit

**Wolfgang Streeck**, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, Max-Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany

**Charles Taylor**, philosopher and author

**Mark S. Weiner**, Executive Director, Telos-Paul Piccone Institute

**Harold Winkler**, Affiliated Researcher, Stockholm Environmental Institute