

Natural Law and Natural Rights in Contemporary Jurisprudence

September 16-17, 2005

A conference in honor of the 25th anniversary of the publication of
John Finnis's *Natural Law and Natural Rights*
Sponsored by the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, Princeton University
and the Law and Public Affairs Program, Princeton University

All Conference Sessions will take place in Taplin Auditorium in Fine Hall

In *Natural Law and Natural Rights* (1980), John Finnis did for the tradition of natural law theory what his great teacher, H.L.A. Hart, had done 20 years earlier in *The Concept of Law* for the tradition of legal positivism. He revitalized a classic tradition of thought about law, morality, and their relations by recovering and developing its greatest insights, answering its leading critics, and proposing revisions where thinkers in the tradition had, in his judgment, gone astray. In the course of his project, Finnis made important contributions to contemporary debates about practical reason, justice and the common good, authority, obligation, rights, and the problem of legal injustice.

To mark the 25th anniversary of the publication of Professor Finnis's book by Oxford University Press, a distinguished group of legal scholars and philosophers assembles at Princeton University to consider some of the key issues it addressed.

Friday, September 16, 2005

9:15-11:00 a.m. *SESSION 1: Practical Reason's Foundations Revisited*

Presenter:

John M. Finnis, University of Notre Dame and University College, Oxford

Respondents:

Terence Henry Irwin, Cornell University

W. Patrick Lee, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Moderator:

Eric Gregory, Princeton University

Refreshment Break

11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. *SESSION 2: Authority: Revisiting the Service Conception*

Presenter:

Joseph Raz, Columbia Law School and Balliol College, Oxford

Respondents:

Brian Bix, University of Minnesota Law School

Cristóbal Orrego, Universidad de los Andes

Moderator:

James R. Stoner, Jr., Louisiana State University

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3:00-4:45 p.m. *SESSION 3: The Subsidiarity of Law and the Obligation to Obey*

Presenter:

Timothy Endicott, Balliol College, Oxford

Respondents:

Gerard V. Bradley, University of Notre Dame

Steven D. Smith, University of San Diego

Moderator: **Stephen T. Whelan**, Princeton University

Saturday, September 17, 2005

9:15-11:00 a.m. *SESSION 4: Law and Obligation*

Presenter:

Stephen R. Perry, University of Pennsylvania

Respondents:

Kent Greenawalt, Columbia University

Gideon Rosen, Princeton University

Moderator:

Dennis M. Patterson, Rutgers University School of Law

Refreshment Break

11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. *SESSION 5: Supervenience as an Ethical Phenomenon*

Presenter:

Matthew Kramer, Churchill College, Cambridge University

Respondents:

Roberto Moreno, Catholic University of Asunción

Christopher O. Tollefsen, University of South Carolina

Moderator:

Robert P. George, Princeton University

3:00-4:45 p.m. *SESSION 6: Incommensurable Options, Self-Reference and Free Choice*

Presenter:

Joseph Boyle, University of Toronto

Respondents:

Jorge L.A. Garcia, Boston College

Michael Baur, Fordham University

Moderator:

Bradford P. Wilson, Princeton University