

The Eighteenth-Century Scottish Studies Society

and

The International Adam Smith Society

Joint Conference

**POLITICAL ECONOMY AND
EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY SCOTTISH CULTURE**

10 - 12 JUNE 2001

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George Mason University, Arlington, Virginia**

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SESSIONS

SUNDAY 10 JUNE

11:30 a.m. Registration Desk Open 2nd Floor Law School

1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Welcome and Plenary Lecture 1

Welcome James M. Buchanan, Emeritus, George Mason University Room 225 Law School

Plenary Lecture 1 Room 225 Law School

Chair: Nicholas Phillipson, University of Edinburgh

**Paper: Andrew S. Skinner, Emeritus, University of Glasgow
"Adam Smith: Political Economist"**

2:15 – 2:30 Break

2:30 – 4:00 Session I

Looking Backward Room 224 Law School

Chair: Leonard P. Liggio, George Mason University

Papers: Michael Fry, Edinburgh: "Precursors of Political Economy: Fletcher, Paterson, Law"

Toshiaki Ogose, Kobe University of Commerce, Japan: "Morality, Polity, and Economy in Francis Hutcheson"

Michael Kugler, Northwestern College: "Adam Ferguson between the Ancients and the Moderns"

Religion, Political Economy, and the Scottish Literati Room 225 Law School

Chair: Roger L. Emerson, Emeritus, University of Western Ontario

Papers: Daisuke Arie, Yokohama National University, Japan: "In the Vicinity of Smith: Pre-Modern Images of Human Character and Society in the Moderates' Thought"

Lauren Brubaker, University of Chicago: "Adam Smith's Prudence: The Skeptical Philosopher Contemplates Religion"

A. M. C. Waterman, St. John's College, Winnipeg: "Economics as Theology: Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations*"

Adam Smith in His Scottish Context Room 221 Law School

Chair: Jerry Evensky, Syracuse University

- Papers: **Alexander Murdoch**, University of Edinburgh: "Adam Smith and the Third Duke of Argyll"
- Ian Simpson Ross**, Emeritus, University of British Columbia: "The Genesis and Delivery of *the Wealth of Nations*: A Biographical Approach"
- Brian Bonnyman**, University of Edinburgh: "The Ideology of Improvement: Adam Smith, the Third Duke of Buccleuch, and Estate Management in the Scottish Enlightenment"

4:15 – 5:45 Session II

Scottish Political Economy and America **Room 221 Law School**

- Chair: **Ned C. Landsman**, State University of New York at Stony Brook
- Papers: **Roger J. Fechner**, Adrian College: "The Scottish and American Contexts of John Witherspoon's *Essay on Money*"
- Joseph S. Lucas**, Wesleyan University: "The Four Stages Theory and American Exceptionalism in the Early Republic"
- Paul Tonks**, Johns Hopkins University: "Empire and Liberty after the American Revolution: George Chalmers and the Political Economy of Progress"

Adam Smith on Wealth, Virtue, and Nature **Room 224 Law School**

- Chair: **Doug Den Uyl**, Liberty Fund
- Papers: **Sandrine Leloup**, University of Paris, Sorbonne: "Does the Road of Virtue Meet the Road of Wealth for Adam Smith?"
- Bruce Merrill**, Cambridge, N.Y.: "Adam Smith and the Ominous Dynamic of Nature"
- Maria Pia Paganelli**, George Mason University: "*In Medio Stat Virtus*: Adam Smith's Alternative View of Usury"

6:00 Reception, Hilton Arlington & Towers **Gallery I Ballroom**

MONDAY 11 JUNE

8:30 a.m. **Registration Desk Open** **2nd Floor Law School**

9:00 – 10:30 Session III

William Robertson's World: Religion, Commerce, and Empire **Room 224 Law School**

- Chair: **Ingrid Merikoski**, Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Papers: **Jan M. Cleaver**, George Mason University, "William Robertson on the Role of Religion in the Civilizing Process"

Bruce P. Lenman, University of St. Andrews: "Principal Robertson, Adam Smith, Governor Pownall, and the Political Economy of Empire"

Neil Hargraves, College of the Bahamas: "Enterprise, Adventure and Industry: The Problem of the Formation of 'Commercial Character' in William Robertson's *History of America*"

David Hume: Commerce, Religion, and Political Economy **Room 221 Law School**

Chair: **Nicholas Phillipson**, University of Edinburgh

Papers: **Christopher J. Finlay**, Trinity College, Dublin: "Commerce, Consumption, and the Individual in Hume's *Treatise of Human Nature*"

Carl Wennerlind, Barnard College: "Hume's Social Theory: Fiction or Realism?"

Tom L. Beauchamp, Georgetown University: "How Is Hume's Natural History of Religion a Natural History?"

Race and Nation **Room 225 Law School**

Chair: **Jane Rendall**, University of York

Papers: **David M. Levy**, George Mason University, and **Sandra Peart**, Baldwin-Wallace College, "Justice Toward Another Rational Race: Hume's Challenge, Smith's and Reid's Responses"

Silvia Sebastiani, European University Institute, Florence: "Race and Nations in Eighteenth-Century Scotland: Kames, Dunbar, and Pinkerton"

10:30 – 10:45 **Break**

10:45 – 12:00 **Plenary Lecture 2** **Room 225 Law School**

Chair: **Richard B. Sher**, New Jersey Institute of Technology/Rutgers University, Newark

Paper: **Jane Rendall**, University of York: "Adapting the Legacy: Gender, History, and Political Economy in the Work of John Millar and Dugald Stewart"

12:00 – 1:00 **Break for Lunch**

1:00 – 2:30 **Session IV**

Education, Moral Philosophy, and Political Economy **Room 221 Law School**

Chair: **Michael Fry**, Edinburgh

Papers: **Terrence Moore, Jr.**, Ashland University: "Teaching Enlightened Self-Interest: The Fable as a Moral Primer"

Jack Russell Weinstein, California State University: "Anticipating Identity Politics: Sympathy and Education in the Work of Adam Smith"

Michael Philip Brown, Trinity College, Dublin: "From Moral Economy to Political Economy: Dugald Stewart's New Course"

The Japanese Tradition of Scottish Political Economy

Room 224 Law School

Chair: **Andrew S. Skinner**, Emeritus, University of Glasgow

Papers: **Yoshio Nagai**, Kanto Gakuin University, Japan: "Robert Wallace and the Irish and Scottish Enlightenment"

Shoji Tanaka, Emeritus, Yokohama City University, Japan, "The Main Theme and Structure of *The Theory of Moral Sentiments* and the Formation of Adam Smith's Political Economy"

Hiroshi Mizuta, Emeritus, Nagoya University, Japan, "The Japanese Tradition of Adam Smith and Scottish Enlightenment Studies"

Hume and Smith

Room 225 Law School

Chair: **Henry Abelove**, Wesleyan University

Papers: **Frederick G. Whelan**, University of Pittsburgh: "Hume and Smith on Perverse Effects in Political Life"

Baccar Gherib, University of Tunis, Tunisia: "Hume, Smith, and Political Economy"

Emma Tieffenbach, EHESS Paris VI: "Two Spontaneous Mechanisms of Invisible-Hand Explanations: Adam Smith's Causality and David Hume's Supervenience"

Eugene Heath, State University of New York at New Paltz: "Propinquity, Knowledge, and Commercial Morality in Hume and Smith"

2:30 – 2:45 **Break**

2:45 – 4:15 **Session V**

Literary and Social Relations

Room 221 Law School

Chair: **Robert P. Maccubbin**, College of William and Mary

Papers: **Jill Bradbury**, Brown University: "Political Economy and Prose Genres in the Scottish Enlightenment"

Carol McGuirk, Florida Atlantic University: "The 'Rhyming Trade': Economic Exchange in Robert Burns"

Lisa Hill, Australian National University: "Friendship and Strangership: The New Civil Society of Adam Smith"

Political Economy, Philosophy, and the Scientific Method

Room 224 Law School

Chair: **Harro Maas**, University of Amsterdam

Papers: **Eric Schliesser**, University of Chicago: "Newton and Hume's Foundation for the Science of Man"

Shinichi Nagao, Nagoya University, Japan: "Scottish Newtonianism and Smith's Methodology"

Emanuele Levi Mortera, University of Rome—"La Sapienza": "Dugald Stewart and the Scientific Re-shaping of Political Economy"

Political Economy in Action

Room 225 Law School

Chair: **Timothy R. Hanson**, Towson University

Papers: **Hon. Adam Bruce**, McGrigor Donald Public Policy, Edinburgh: "Moral Sentiment and the Wealth of the Nation at Charlestown, Fife"

George C. McElroy, Chicago, Ill., "Adam Smith and Edmund Burke: Empiricists – Many Agreements, a Few Differences"

Peter Smail, Edinburgh: "The Social Philosophies of Robert Owen and Charles Cowan: The Visible or Invisible Hand?"

4:30 – 5:30

ECSSS Business Meeting

Room 221 Law School

6:45

Cash Bar, followed by Conference Dinner

Tivoli Restaurant (1700 N. Moore Street, at the Rosslyn Metro Stop)

Presentation of the ECSSS Lifetime Achievement Award to **Hiroshi Mizuta**, by **Ian Simpson Ross**

TUESDAY 12 JUNE

8:30 a.m.

Registration Desk Open

2nd Floor Law School

9:15 – 10:30

Plenary Lecture 3

Room 225 Law School

Chair: **Carol McGuirk**, Florida Atlantic University

Paper: **Clifford Siskin**, University of Glasgow: "Political Economy and the Genre of System"

10:30 – 10:45

Break

10:45 – 12:15

Session VI

Morals and Moralists

Room 224 Law School

Chair: **Eugene Heath**, State University of New York at New Paltz

- Papers: **Chiara Baroni**, Manchester University: "The Road to Virtue: Adam Smith and the Philosophy of Happiness"
- Keiko Ara**, Kantogakuin University, Japan: "'One of the Multitude': The Social Foundations of Adam Smith's System of Morals"
- Harro Maas**, University of Amsterdam: "Thomas Reid's Resistance to a Mathematical Treatment of Morals"

The Contemporary Relevance of Adam Smith

Room 225 Law School

- Chair: **James Halteman**, Wheaton College
- Papers: **Ryan P. Hanley**, University of Chicago: "Adam Smith's Ethics as the *Ethics* for Our Time"
- James R. Otteson**, University of Alabama: "Adam Smith's Marketplace of Human Life"
- James M. Buchanan**, George Mason University: "Adam Smith and Globalization"

Rights, Justice, and Politics

Room 221 Law School

- Chair: **Jerry Z. Muller**, Catholic University of America
- Papers: **Gordon J. Schochet**, Rutgers University: "The Political Economy of Rights: Francis Hutcheson and Adam Smith"
- Samuel Fleischacker**, University of Illinois at Chicago: "Adam Smith in the History of Distributive Justice"
- Hisashi Shinohara**, Kwansai Gakuin University, Japan: "Dugald Stewart at the Final Stage of the Scottish Enlightenment"

12:30 – 2:30 **Luncheon and Conference Summary**
Hilton Arlington & Towers Hotel

Gallery III Ballroom

- Moderators: **J.G.A. Pocock**, Emeritus, Johns Hopkins University, and
Nicholas Phillipson, University of Edinburgh