

13h45

Panel 5 - Salle F08, ENS, site Descartes

Agnès Delahaye (Lyon 2) - Freedom and the Puritans: New England Historiography and the liberal tradition in the United States

Gilles Christoph (ENS de Lyon) - The Social and Economic Value of Nonconformity in Hayekian Liberalism: Seed of Destruction or Agent of Progress?

José Tomaz Castello Branco (IEP, Lisboa) - A Praxis of Toleration in Western Liberal Democracies

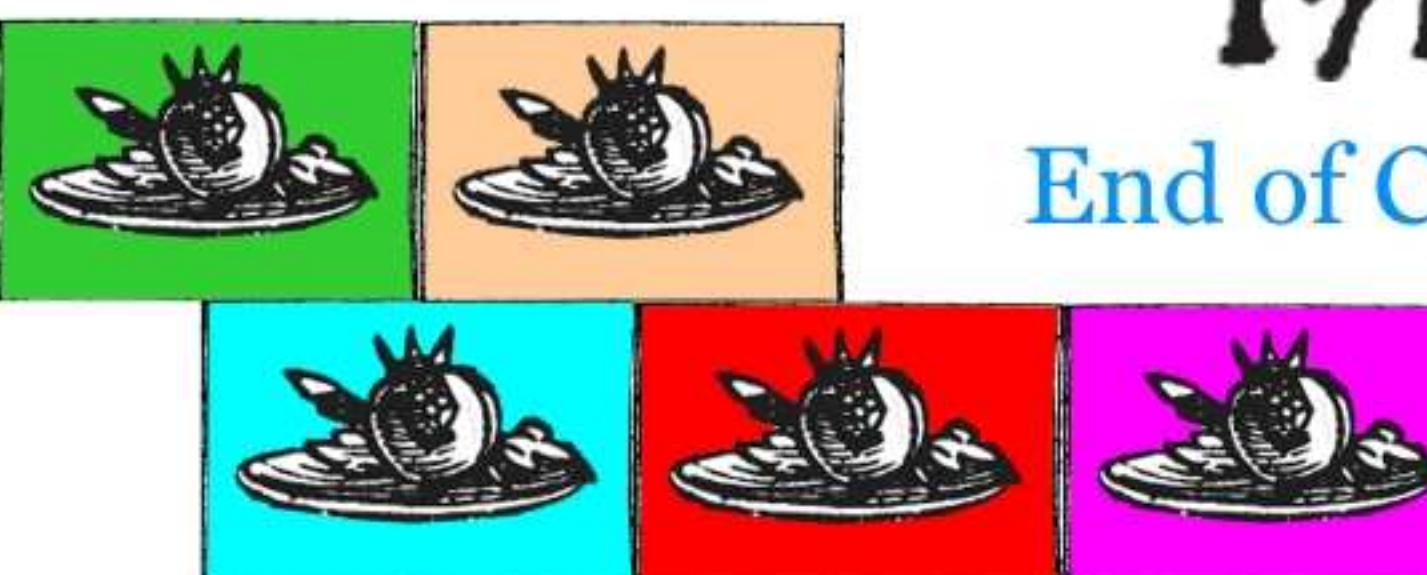
15h45

coffee break

16h15

Keynote Address - Salle F08, ENS, site Descartes

Noel O'Sullivan (Hull) - Civil association and pluralism: the contemporary quest for a political liberalism



17h45
End of Conference

Conference sites

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Maison de l'Orient et de la Méditerranée,
Université Lumière Lyon 2,
5/7, rue Raulin, 69365 Lyon Cedex 07
Tram 1: Quai Claude Bernard

Amphithéâtre Leclair & Salle 303,
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Tram 2: Centre Berthelot

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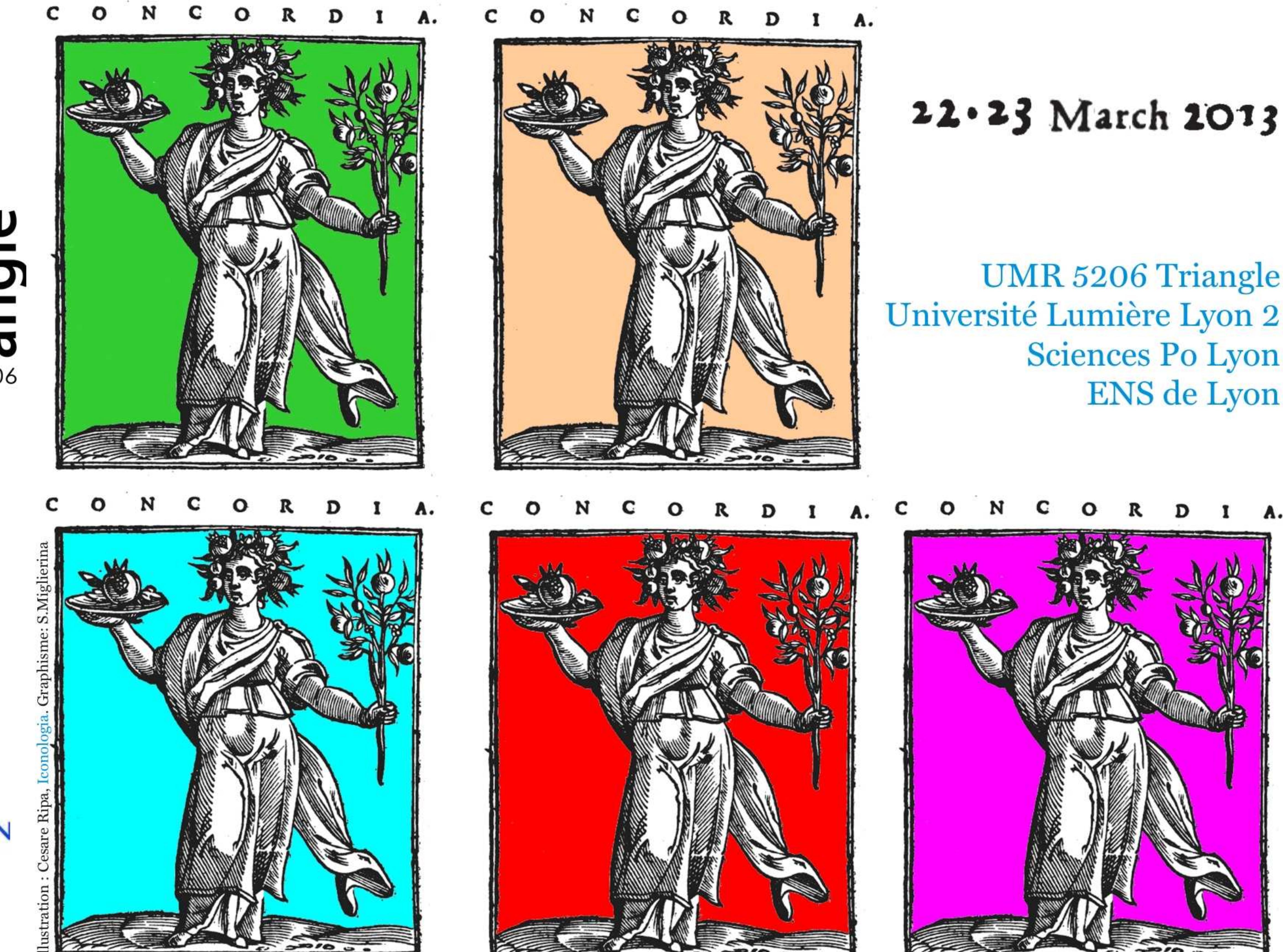
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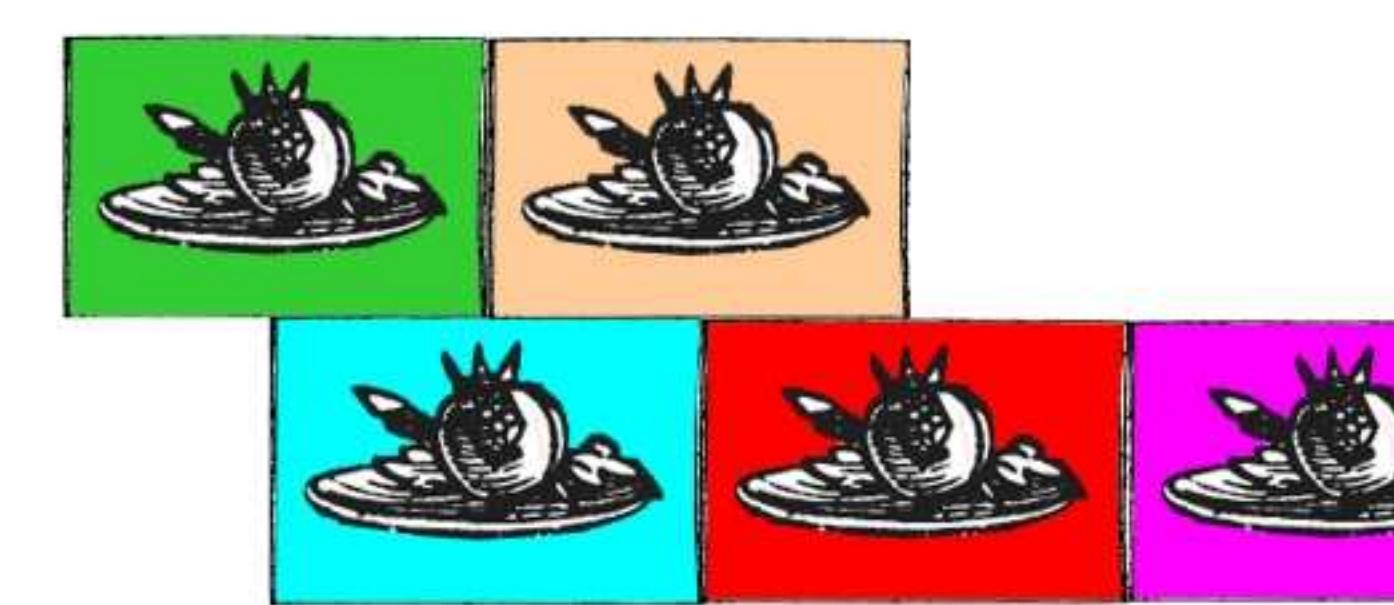
PROGRAMME



The aim of this international conference is to focus on the complex tensions that exist between the core concepts of pluralism and social consensus at the heart of political liberalism since its inception in the early modern era. Be it through religious toleration then or through multiculturalism today, liberalism continues to struggle both in theory and in practice with the accommodation of an infinite variety of individual experiences, values, and demands within the pluralist society it seeks to develop and protect. In its recent theoretical developments, political liberalism has notably used the concept of value-pluralism as a basis for its adaptation to multiculturalism, but late twentieth and early twenty-first century self-declared liberal or post-liberal theory continues to think creatively of ways to reconcile the tension between toleration/pluralism and social consensus. One may for instance think of Rawls' 'public reason' or Gray's 'modus Vivendi' as particularly relevant at a time when religious and political discourses seem to interpenetrate so closely again.

The conference does not only explore recent political theory in its attempts to understand the relation between toleration, pluralism and social consensus, but also seeks out potential loopholes in the traditional readings of classical liberal sources and brings to light those aspects that do not fit the 'convenient' narrative of conceptual reconciliation as it is told by that tradition.

Paramount to us is the necessity to assess both the role of contingency and history in the formulation of theory and the influence of normative theory on practical policies, such as, for instance, toleration policies in the early modern era, or the adoption of multicultural ones in a more recent context. Following that line of inquiry, any gap between theory and practice is of special interest, as it may reveal how conflicts of ideas preceded the emergence of the dominant view and shed light on how the latter endures. Within this framework, 'alternative' or 'counter' visions of liberalism may also come to the fore.



Friday, March 22nd

9h30

Opening of the conference, Amphithéâtre Benveniste, Lyon 2
Opening words – Renaud Payre (director of UMR 5206 TRIANGLE)

9h45

Keynote Address, Amphithéâtre Benveniste, Lyon 2

Catherine Audard (London School of Economics) - How far should an overlapping consensus extend? The limits of political liberalism

10h45
coffee break

11h15

Panel 1 – Amphithéâtre Benveniste, Lyon 2

Laurent Baggioni (Lyon 3) - Republican liberty and its historians: the notion of civic humanism

Franck Lessay (Paris III Sorbonne-Nouvelle) - La distinction entre libéralisme et républicanisme, clef d'interprétation historique ou arme idéologique?

14h

Keynote Address - Amphithéâtre Leclair, Sciences Po Lyon
Wendy Donner (Carleton University, Ottawa) - John Stuart Mill on Individuality and Pluralism

15h
coffee break

15h30

Panel 2 – Amphithéâtre Leclair, Sciences Po Lyon

Anna Plassart (Oxford) - Intolerant liberalism: Religion and Social Progress in James Mill's early writings

Alexander Blake Ewing (Oxford) - Looking beyond liberty: the significance of critical thought and discussion to John Stuart Mill's concept of human progress

Françoise Orazi (Lyon 2) – After Mill's liberalism

15h30

Panel 3 – Salle 303, Sciences Po Lyon

Fiona Simpkins (Lyon 2) - The Scottish Labour Party: from social liberalism to neoliberalism

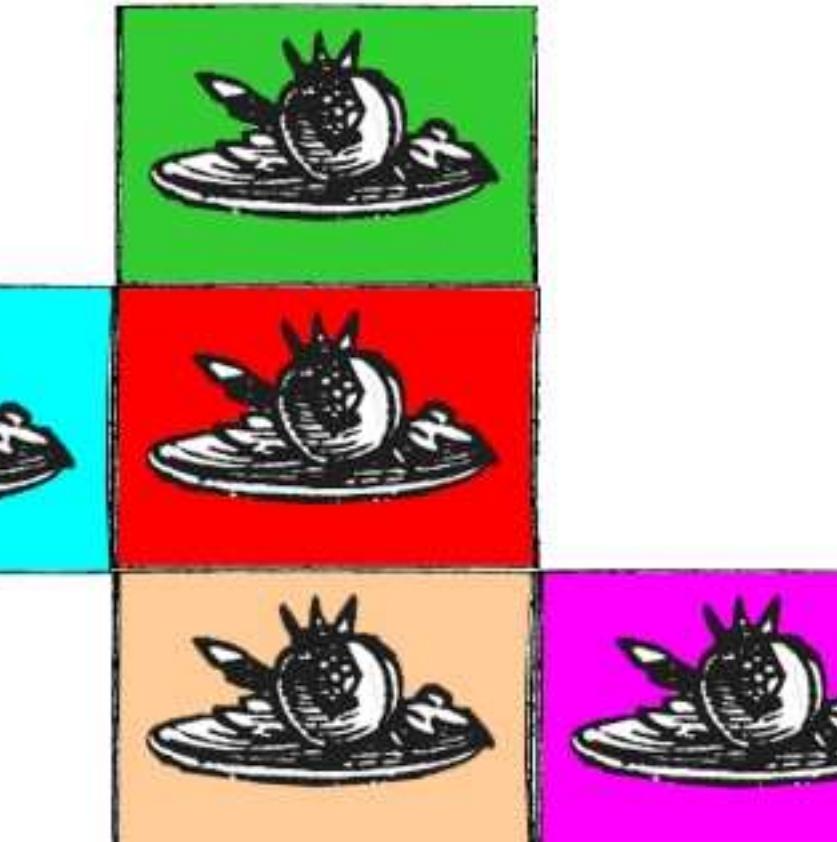
Marie Plassart (Sciences Po Lyon) – The Hirshhorn Museum controversy: enlarging the pantheon of national benefactors to the non-WASP, 1962-1969

Alix Meyer (Sciences Po Lyon) - The 112th US Congress (2011-2012) in theoretical perspective: James Madison triumphant or betrayed?

17h15

Debate with the Sciences Po, ENS & Lyon 2 students, Amphithéâtre Leclair, Sciences Po Lyon

20h
conference dinner



Saturday, March 23rd

9h

Keynote Address – Salle F08, ENS, site Descartes
Glenn Burgess (Hull) - Toleration and Secularisation: Reflections on the Grand Narrative of Early Modern History

10h
coffee break

10h30

Panel 4 – Salle F08, ENS-LSH

Cyril Selzner (Limoges) - From Separatism to Toleration: Shifting Concerns for Purity in Elizabethan and Early Stuart Separatist Controversies

Frédéric Herrmann (Lyon 2) - The Sanhedrin and the construction of a 'tolerant confessional state' in mid-17th c revolutionary England

Jean-Christophe Angaut (ENS de Lyon) - Squat et Libéralisme : relectures de Locke

12h30

Buffet Lunch,
on-site