

# INSTITUTE ON VARIETIES OF SKEPTICISM

April 20-26, 2007

## AGENDA

### April 21

**8:30 a.m. – 12 noon**      **CLASS 1: Professor David L. Schaefer**  
*College of the Holy Cross*

Topic: Montaigne: What Do I Know?

Assignment: Michel de Montaigne: Essays:  
Excerpt from *That the Taste of Good...* (pp 35-36);  
Excerpt from *Of Custom* (pp 84-88);  
*We Should Meddle Soberly with Judging Divine Ordinances* (pp 159-161);  
Excerpt from *Education of Children* (pp 109-112);  
Excerpt from *Of Vain Subtleties* (p 227);  
Excerpts from *Apology for Raymond Sebond* (pp 370-384, 402-409, 420-430, 434-441);  
*Of Freedom of Conscience* (pp 506-509);  
Excerpt from *Of Virtue* (p 533);  
Excerpt from *Children and Fathers* (pp 594-595);  
*Of the Art of Discussion* (pp 703-711);  
Excerpt from *Of Cripples* (pp 788-789);  
*Of Experience* (pp 815-824).

### April 22

**8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**      **CLASS 2: Professor Alan Charles Kors**  
*University of Pennsylvania*  
*Department of History*

Topic: Pascal: Reasons of the Heart

Assignment: Pascal, Pensées:  
§§1-202 (pp 3-66);  
§§418-426 (pp 121-127);  
§§509-514 (pp 181-184);  
§821 (pp 247-248);

§913 (pp 285-286).

**1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**      **CLASS 3: Professor Jon Elster**  
*Columbia University*  
*Department of Philosophy*

Topic: French Moralists on Self-Delusion

Assignment: Le Rochefoucauld, Maxims (read entire book);  
Elster, Alchemies of the Mind: Rationality and the Emotions  
(Cambridge University Press, 1999):  
Ch. II.3, *The French Moralists* (pp 76-107).

### April 23

**8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon**      **CLASS 4: Professor Roger Scruton**  
*Institute of Psychological Studies*

Topic: Burke on Political Geometry

Assignment: Burke, Reflections on the Revolution in France:  
PP 93-185.

### April 24

**8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon**      **CLASS 5: Professor Alan Charles Kors**  
*University of Pennsylvania*  
*Department of History*

Topic: John Stuart Mill on Liberty

Assignment: Mill, On Liberty:  
Ch. II (pp 75-118);  
Ch. III (pp 119-140);  
Ch. IV (pp 141-162).

### April 25

**8:30 a.m. - 12 noon**      **CLASS 6: Professor Kenneth Minogue**  
*London School of Economics*

Topic: Michael Oakeshott and Isiah Berlin

Assignment: Oakeshott, The Politics of Faith and the Politics of Skepticism, (Yale University Press, 1996):  
Ch. 4, *The Fortunes of Skepticism*;  
Oakeshott, Rationalism in Politics and Other Essays, (Liberty Press, 1962):  
*Political Education* (pp 43-69);  
*On Being Conservative* (pp 407-412);  
Berlin, The Crooked Timber of Humanity: Chapters in the History of Ideas, (1990):  
Ch. 1, *The Pursuit of the Ideal* (pp 1-19).

**5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**      **Class 7: Professor Robert Cooter**  
***Boalt Hall School of Law***  
***University of California, Berkeley***

Topic: Markets and Skepticism

Assignment: Cooter and Schaefer, Law and the Poverty of Nations, (draft):  
Ch. 1 and 2;  
Cooter, The Strategic Constitution, (Princeton University Press, 2000):  
“Investing in Politics” and “The Administrative State”;

## **April 26**

**8:00 a.m. -9:30 a.m.**      **CLASS 8: Professor Robert Cooter**  
***Boalt Hall School of Law***  
***University of California, Berkeley***

Topic: Skepticism and the Judiciary

Assignment: Supplemental References:  
Easterbrook, *Ways of Criticizing the Court*, 95 Harvard Law Review, 802 (1982);  
Kornhauser and Sager, *The One and the Many: Adjudication in Collegial Courts*, 81 California Law Review 1 (1993);  
Revesz, *Ideology, Collegiality, and the DC Circuit*, 85 Virginia Law Review 805 (1999).