

# ISUS 2024 Conference programme

Faculty of Laws, Bentham House, University College London  
18–20 June 2024

**Day 1: Tuesday 18 June 2024**

<b>09.00–09.30: Registration and coffee (The Hub and Cissy Chu Common Room)</b>									
<b>09.30–11.00: Parallel sessions</b>									
<b>1A</b>	Moot Court (XG03)	<b>1B</b>	Hong Kong Alumni Room (221)	<b>1C</b>	Gideon Schreier Lecture Theatre (124)	<b>1D</b>	Keeton Room (XG01)	<b>1E</b>	LG10
<b>Chair: Giulia Cantamessi (Pavia)</b>		<b>Chair: Pietro Cibinel (Princeton)</b>		<b>Chair: Xiaobo Zhai (Macau)</b>		<b>Chair: Eleonora Buono (Lausanne)</b>		<b>Chair: Elliott Thornley (Oxford)</b>	
David Phillips (Houston): Can Sidgwick and Ross Converge in Moral Theory?		<b>Prioritarianism: definition, justification, scope</b> Christoph Lumer (Siena): Defining Prioritarianism		Malik Bozzo-Rey (CETicS, Lille Catholic University): What if it turned out that Bentham was the best author to use in updating Foucault’s analysis of surveillance?		Madhumita Mitra (University of Calcutta): J.S. Mill’s Utilitarian Ethics of Development: An Appraisal		Brian A. Berkey (Pennsylvania): Autonomous Vehicle Algorithms—Respect for Humanity, and Saving the Greater Number	
David Weinstein (Wake Forest): Sidgwick’s Parfit		Matthew Adler (Duke): Person-Affecting Axiology and Prioritarianism		Paulette B. Banciella (Zurich): Utilitarian Influences on the Hispanic American Emancipatory Project: Insights from the 1809 Edinburgh Review		Alessio Vaccari (Sapienza University of Rome): Mill’s Notion of Virtue: Sympathy, and Wellbeing		Blanca Rodríguez López (Madrid Complutense): Ethics of virtual reality, the weird and the wrong	
Rob Shaver (Manitoba): Broad on Sidgwick on Common Sense Morality		Nils Holtug (Copenhagen): Political Equality or Political Priority		James E. Crimmins (Huron University College): Utility and Natural Law in the Early American Republic		Yixin Bai (Georgetown): From a Mental Crisis to a Revision of Utilitarianism		Aksel Sterri (Oxford): Against artificial general intelligence	
<b>11.00–11.30: Tea and coffee (The Hub and Cissy Chu Common Room)</b>									

**11.30–13.00: Bart Schultz (Chicago): *The Methods of Ethics* as Prolegomenon: the Long, Strange Trip of Henry Sidgwick**  
**Chair: Emmanuelle de Champs (Cergy Paris)      Gideon Schreier Lecture Theatre (124)**

**13.00–14.00: Lunch (The Hub and Cissy Chu Common Room)**

**14.00–15.30: Parallel sessions**

<b>2A</b>	Moot Court (XG03)	<b>2B</b>	Hong Kong Alumni Room (221)	<b>2C</b>	Gideon Schreier Lecture Theatre (124)	<b>2D</b>	LG17	<b>2E</b>	Keeton Room (XG01)	<b>2F</b>	LG10
<b>Chair: Don Habibi (North Carolina at Wilmington)</b>		<b>Chair: Hayden Wilkinson (Oxford)</b>		<b>Chair: Megan Donaldson (UCL)</b>		<b>Chair: Christoph Lumer (Siena)</b>		<b>Chair: Alessio Vaccari (Rome)</b>		<b>Chair: Albert Didriksen (Central European University)</b>	
Shengyuan Xie (Zhejiang Institute of Administration): Chastity, Asceticism and Secularism, Sidgwick on Sexual Morality  Dale Dorsey (Kansas): Sidgwick, Shaftesbury, and the Explanatory Challenge to Qualitative Hedonism		<b>Global Priorities 1: Longtermism and Non-consequentialism</b>  Jakob Lohmar (Oxford): Longtermism without Full Aggregation  Owen Clifton (Queen's University): Public and Private Longtermism  Kacper Kowalczyk (UCL): Nonconsequentialist Longtermism		<b>Bentham and James Mill on peace</b>  Benjamin Bourcier (Lille): Bentham on Public Peace  Brian Chen (National Chengchi University): Bentham on Constitutional Reform and International Peace  Antis Loizides (University of Cyprus): James Mill on Peace		Todd Calder (Saint Mary's): Evil isn't necessarily wrong  Sebastian Liu (Princeton): No indifference to indifference  Cyriak Schmitz (Karlsruhe): What is the relation between the unified theory and the triple theory?		Benjamin Mullins (Erasmus Rotterdam): How to respond to the inefficacy argument  Martin Peterson (Texas A&M): Dutilitarianism  Rei Takahashi (Oxford): Do Groups Have Well-Being?		Ken Oshitani (Tokyo): One-sided aggregation and due care  Tyler Paytas (Australian Catholic University): Sidgwick's critique of Deontology: Scrupulous Fairness or Serpent-Windings?  Malte Hendrickx (Michigan): The Case for Moral Demands as Cognitive Demands	

**15.30–16.00: Tea and coffee (The Hub and Cissy Chu Common Room)**

**16.00–17.30: Parallel sessions**

<b>3A:</b>	Moot Court (XG03)	<b>3B</b>	Gideon Schreier Lecture Theatre (124)	<b>3C</b>	LG17	<b>3D</b>	Hong Kong Alumni Room (221)	<b>3E</b>	Keeton Room (XG01)
<b>Chaired by the panellists</b>		<b>Chair: Timothy L. Williamson (Oxford)</b>		<b>Chair: Malik Bozzo-Rey (CEThicS, Lille Catholic University)</b>		<b>Chair: Helen McCabe (Nottingham)</b>		<b>Chair: Malcolm Quinn (UAL)</b>	
<p><b>Feminism in Henry Sidgwick, G.E. Moore, and Bertrand Russell</b></p> <p>Elżbieta Filipow (Warsaw): G.E. Moore’s Feminism</p> <p>Sophia Connell (Birkbeck): Bertrand Russell’s Feminism</p> <p>Lisa Forsberg (Oxford) and Anthony Skelton (Western University): Henry Sidgwick’s Feminism</p>		<p>Petra Kosonen (Texas at Austin): Prudential Longtermism Examined</p> <p>Scott Woodcock (Victoria): In Defence of Evidence-Based Activism</p> <p>Albert Didriksen (Central European University): Political Philosophy and Existential Risk</p>		<p>Chris Riley (UCL): Jeremy Bentham, the Appellate Jurisdiction of the House of Lords, and the ‘Court of Lords Delegates’</p> <p>Roger Morriss (Exeter): Samuel Bentham’s utilitarianism, 1772–1812</p> <p>Xiaobo Zhai (Macau): Bentham’s Theory of the Rule of Law</p>		<p><b>J.S. Mill on Freedom of Expression</b></p> <p>Piers Norris Turner (Ohio State): Mill’s Early Writings on Freedom of Discussion and their Relation to <i>On Liberty</i></p> <p>Ben Saunders (Southampton): <i>On Liberty</i> Online: John Stuart Mill and the Regulation of Social Media</p>		<p>Rafael Cejudo (Córdoba): The Utility of Arts and Culture</p> <p>Vincent-Emmanuel Mathon (VEM Consulting): Metrics for happiness—a tribute to Eleanor Sidgwick</p>	

**17.45–18.45: ISUS business meeting (Gideon Schreier Lecture Theatre, 124)**

Day 2: Wednesday 19 June 2024

09.00–09.30: Registration and coffee (The Hub and Cissy Chu Common Room)

09.30–11.00: Parallel sessions

4A	Gideon Schreier Lecture Theatre (124)	4B	Moot Court (XG03)	4C	Denys Holland Lecture Theatre (SB31)	4D	LG17	4E	LG10
Chaired by the panellists		Chaired by the panellists		Chair: Benjamin Bourcier (Lille)		Chair: Piers Norris Turner (Ohio State)		Chair: Ben Saunders (Southampton)	
<p><b>Sidgwick and Pain</b></p> <p>Jennifer Hawkins (Duke): The badness of emotional pain</p> <p>Roger Crisp (Oxford) and Aaron Garrett (Boston): Sidgwick and Gurney on the incommensurability of extreme pain</p>		<p><b>Global Priorities 2: Philosophical Problems concerning AI</b></p> <p>Elliott Thornley (Oxford): The Shutdown Problem: An AI Engineering Puzzle for Decision Theorists</p> <p>Christian Tarsney (Texas at Austin): Deception and Manipulation in Generative AI: A Subjective Definition and A Minimally Paternalistic Solution</p> <p>David Thorstad (Vanderbilt): Against the Singularity Hypothesis</p>		<p>Peter Lythe (UCL): The Delusion Vanishes: Jeremy Bentham on the Disutility of Christianity</p> <p>Carolyn Shapiro (Falmouth): St Paul and other hustlers of language: credulity, language and the movement of mischief in Bentham’s <i>Not Paul, But Jesus</i></p> <p>Philip Schofield (UCL): Logic, Language, the Disciplines, and Ethics—Jeremy Bentham’s encounter with Aristotle</p>		<p><b>Ariadne’s Thread: Out of the Labyrinth of the Mill-Taylor Collaborations</b></p> <p>Jo Ellen Jacobs (Millikin University): Creative Pairs and Why Philosophers Don’t Understand Them</p> <p>Helen McCabe (Nottingham): John Stuart Mill and Harriet Taylor—Collaboration and Co-Authorship of ‘our story’ in the <i>Autobiography</i></p> <p>Antis Loizides (University of Cyprus): Stylometrics and <i>The Subjection of Women</i></p> <p>Christoph Schmidt-Petri, Michael Schefczyk, and Lilly Osburg (Karlsruhe): Co-Authorship of the <i>Principles of Political Economy</i> and <i>On Liberty</i>—Further Stylometric Analyses</p>		<p>Sujith S. Kumar (Maryland): Penalties, Punishments, and the Principles of Ethology in <i>On Liberty</i></p> <p>Adam Kolber (Brooklyn Law School): Punishment for the Greater Good</p> <p>Hahn Hsu (National Chung Cheng University): Mill, Sanctions and the practical Normativity of Morality</p>	

11.00–11.30: Tea and coffee (The Hub and Cissy Chu Common Room)

11.30–13.00: Katarzyna de Lazari-Radek (Łódź): On the Notion of Pleasure—How Sidgwick got it right  
 Chair: David Weinstein (Wake Forest) Denys Holland Lecture Theatre (SB31)

13.00–14.00: Lunch (The Hub and Cissy Chu Common Room)

14.00–15.30: Parallel sessions

5A	Denys Holland Lecture Theatre (SB31)	5B	Moot Court (XG03)	5C	Gideon Schreier Lecture Theatre (124)	5D	LG10	5E	LG17
<b>Chair: Dale Dorsey (Kansas)</b>		<b>Chaired by the panellists</b>		<b>Chair: Rex Mixon (NYU)</b>		<b>Chair: Christoph Schmidt-Petri (Karlsruhe)</b>		<b>Chair: Blanca Rodríguez López (Madrid Complutense)</b>	
Christoph Salvat (Aix-Marseille): Parfit on well-being: a Sidgwickian theory of desirability  Sergei Talanker (Western Galilee College): Experimental challenges to Sidgwick’s congruency of intentions thesis  Christian Seidel (Karlsruhe): Sidgwickian Moral Theorizing: on the Teleological Relation between Principles and Methods		<b>Global Priorities 3: Hedonic Wellbeing</b>  Heather Browning (Southampton): The Complexities of Intrapersonal Welfare Comparisons  Pietro Cibinel (Princeton): Hedonic Tradeoffs  Mattia Cecchinato (Oxford): No Consciousness, No Welfare		Marco E.L. Guidi (Pisa): Utilitarian virtue and Bentham’s theory of democracy  Gustavo H. Dalaqua (Pernambuco): Democracy and representation, Rousseau and Mill  Tsin Yen Koh (Singapore): Two Strands of Utilitarian Democracy		Daisuke Arie (Yokohama): What does J.S. Mill’s ‘stationary state’ imply for modern capitalism?  Tim Beaumont (Shenzen): John Stuart Mill on the Suez Canal and the Limits of Self-Defence  Antonin Broi (Wuhan): Toward metaethical hedonism		Lisa Forsberg (Oxford): Achievement and the value of effort  Héloïse Michelon (Lille Catholic University): The non-identity problem and the harm threshold in reproductive decision-making  Martí Colom (Barcelona): Is abortion more serious than murder? Peter Singer’s shift from preferentialism to hedonism and its effects on his practical ethics	

15.30–16.00: Tea and coffee (The Hub and Cissy Chu Common Room)

**16.00–17.30: Parallel sessions**

<b>6A</b>	Gideon Schreier Lecture Theatre (124)	<b>6B</b>	Moot Court (XG03)	<b>6C</b>	LG10	<b>6D</b>	Denys Holland Lecture Theatre (SB31)	<b>6E</b>	LG17
<b>Chaired by the panellists</b>		<b>Chaired by the panellists</b>		<b>Chair: Anne Brunon-Ernst (Panthéon Assas)</b>		<b>Chair: Piero Tarantino (Bologna)</b>		<b>Chair: Antis Loizides (University of Cyprus)</b>	
<b>Author-Meets-Critics on Anthony Skelton's forthcoming <i>Sidgwick's Ethics</i></b>		<b>Global Priorities 4: The Moral Implications of Evidential Decision Theory</b>		Gregory Cote (Guelph): Utilitarian cops—Jeremy Bentham and the Rise of Modern Policing		Thomas McDowell (Toronto): The Inverted Panopticon: The Ontological Implications of Bentham's Self-Preference Principle		Elżbieta Filipow (Warsaw): Women's Intellectual Inspiration and their Influence on John Stuart Mill's Feminist Sensitivity	
<b>Author</b>		Hayden Wilkinson (Oxford): The Moral Stakes of Evidentialism		Michihiro Kaino (Doshisha): Bentham's Preventive Police and Modern Japanese Society		Markéta Minářová (Prague): Utilitarianism and Justice: Jeremy Bentham's concept		Emmanuelle de Champs (Cergy Paris): Utility, Community and Women's emancipation, the intellectual journeys of Anna Doyle Wheeler and Frances Wright	
Anthony Skelton (Western University)		Andrea Petrou (LSE): The Reference Class Problem is the Acausal Trader's Problem Too		Rex W. Mixon (NYU): Ideas of Utility and Justice in Bentham and Horace		Daisuke Nakai (Kindai): J.M. Keynes, F.A. Hayek, and their Critique of Utilitarianism		Allison Dube (Mount Royal): Implications of the Scholar-Tutor principle in <i>Chrestomathia</i> for Universities Today	
<b>Critics</b>		Timothy L. Williamson (Oxford): Evidential Decision Theory and Widespread Incommensurability							
Roger Crisp (Oxford)									
David Phillips (Houston)									
Rob Shaver (Manitoba)									

**17.45–19.00: Peter Singer (Princeton): Sidgwick and Other Influencers**  
**Chair: Roger Crisp (Oxford)      Denys Holland Lecture Theatre (SB31)**

**19.00: Conference dinner (Jeremy Bentham Room, Wilkins Building)**

**Day 3: Thursday 20 June 2024**

**09.00–09.30: Registration and coffee (The Hub and Cissy Chu Common Room)**

**09.30–11.00: Parallel Sessions**

<b>7A</b>	Moot Court (XG03)	<b>7B</b>	Hong Kong Alumni Room (221)	<b>7C</b>	Gideon Schreier Lecture Theatre (124)	<b>7D</b>	Object-Based Learning Laboratory, Wilkins Building	<b>7E</b>	LG17
<b>Chair: Rob Shaver (Manitoba)</b>		<b>Chair: Madhumita Mitra (Calcutta)</b>		<b>Chair: Carolyn Shapiro (Falmouth)</b>		<p><b>Visit to view some of the 4,500 books that Bentham bequeathed upon his death to the London University.</b></p> <p><b>Please meet in the foyer of Bentham House at 09.20.</b></p>		<b>Chair: Matthew Adler (Duke)</b>	
<p><b>Sidgwick and Evolution</b></p> <p>Giulia Cantamessi (Pavia): Sidgwick and Spencer on Scientific Ethics, Evolution, and Utilitarianism</p> <p>Gianfranco Pellegrino (LUISS): Sidgwick on common sense morality—evolutionary debunking or esoteric utilitarian foundation?</p> <p>Leonardo Ursillo (LUISS): Sidgwick and Darwin</p>		<p>Michael Schefczyk (Karlsruhe): The significance of the past for consequentialists</p> <p>Sam Fremantle (International School of Philosophy): Reciprocity and Posterity</p> <p>Yunfeng Jin (Jilin University): On the Distributive Justice Principle of Institutional Utilitarianism</p>		<p>Stephen G. Engelmann (Chicago): Sidgwick on the Old Radical</p> <p>Malcolm Quinn (UAL): To the Death: Fortitude and Judgment in Bentham’s Deontology</p> <p>Yanxiang Zhang (North China University of Technology), J.S. Mill on Jeremy Bentham’s Metaphysics</p>				<p>Shinji Nohara (Tokyo): Adam Smith’s criticism of Hume’s utilitarian morality</p> <p>Frederic R. Kellogg (The George Washington University): The universe has no point of view: John Dewey’s Naturalized Utilitarianism</p> <p>Jonas Harney (Saarland): Taking narrow person-affecting considerations seriously</p>	

**11.00–11.30: Tea and coffee (The Hub and Cissy Chu Common Room)**

**11.30–13.00: Plenary lecture**

**John Skorupski (St Andrews): Sidgwick’s Nihilism**

**Chair: Lisa Forsberg (Oxford)**

**Gideon Schreier Lecture Theatre (124)**

**13.00–14.00: Lunch (The Hub and Cissy Chu Common Room)**

**14.00–15.30: Parallel sessions**

<b>8A</b>	Moot Court (XG03)	<b>8B</b>	Hong Kong Alumni Room (221)	<b>8C</b>	Gideon Schreier Lecture Theatre (124)	<b>8D</b>	LG17
<b>Chair: Elżbieta Filipow (Warsaw)</b>		<b>Chair: Jennifer Hawkins (Duke)</b>		<b>Chair: Tim Causer (UCL)</b>		<b>Chair: David Phillips (Houston)</b>	
<p>Dorina Patrunsu (Bucharest): Is there any common sense morality? Egoistic vs. universalistic hedonism in Henry Sidgwick’s <i>The Methods of Ethics</i></p> <p>Don Habibi (North Carolina at Wilmington): Sidgwick on subscription, secularism, and the problem of illiberalism</p> <p>Anthony Skelton (Western University): On the Irrelevance of Sidgwick’s Political Philosophy</p>		<p>Dennis Pirdzuns (Manchester): Supporting Singer’s Seminal Points on Poverty</p> <p>Christoph Lumer (Siena): A Theory of Moral Duties: Progressive Norm Welfarism</p> <p>Satoshi Yamazaki (Kochi): Sidgwick as the unsung leader of the old welfare economics</p>		<p>Anne Brunon-Ernst (Panthéon Assas): Beyond anti-Imperialism and Pro-Colonialism—Bentham on Waste Lands</p> <p>Eleonora Buono (Lausanne): National character, government, and civilization in James Mill’s Thought</p> <p>Georgios Varouxakis (Queen Mary): The imperialist liberal and the anti-imperialist liberticide—the international visions of John Stuart Mill and August Comte Reviewed</p>		<p>Joel van Fossen (Hosei): Sidgwick, Rationality, and The Dualism of Practical Reason</p> <p>Yuqi Liang (Oxford): Sidgwick’s Dualism of Practical Reason, impartiality in ethics, and evolutionary debunking arguments</p> <p>Piero Tarantino (Milan): Bentham’s Theory of Practical Reasoning</p>	

**15.30–16.00: Tea and coffee (The Hub and Cissy Chu Common Room)**

**16.00–17.15: Roundtable and close**

**Katarzyna de Lazari-Radek (Łódź), Bart Schultz (Chicago), Peter Singer (Princeton), John Skorupski (St Andrews)**

**Chair: Roger Crisp (Oxford)**

**Gideon Schreier Lecture Theatre (124)**