

**3-4 November 2016
Verney Room
6th Floor South Ross**

**Keele Campus
York University
Toronto, Canada**

Visions(s) of Politics: The Thought of Sheldon Wolin

Special Guest Speakers

**Dana Villa, “Between Arendt and Gadamer: Re-Reading Politics and
Vision”**

John Wallach, “Thucydides as a Political Theorist”

Uday Mehta, “Wolin on Democracy and Constitutional Form”

Ingrid Creppell, “Arendt and Enmity”

**Roundtable Discussion: Wolin’s Understanding of the Canon/Historical
Texts and the Vocation of Political Theory (Villa, Wallach, Mehta,
Creppell)**

Graduate Student and Independent Scholar Presenters

**Zhichao Tong, Lucy Cane, Jeremiah Gaster, Caleb Basnett, Calvin ZL
Lincez, Alena Wolflink, Tyler Schuenemann, Andrew Jones, Iain Webb,
Jasmin Mujanovic, Kenneth Bracker, Igor Shoikhedbrod, Aaron Service**

Panel Themes

**Thinking Through the Political: Democracy and Modernity
Wolin and the Ancient Greek Demos**

The Vicissitudes of Radical Democratic Agency

**Democracy, Identity, Oppression: The Political and the Far Right
Totalitarianism – Inverted?**

**The conference is free and open to the York community and to the public, but because space is
limited please reply to this e-mail and let us know you are coming:**

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Thursday, November 3rd

9:30 – 9:40 – Welcoming Remarks: Terry Maley, Calvin ZL Lincez, David Mutimer

9:40 – 10:25 – Thinking Through the Political: Democracy and Modernity, Chair: Calvin ZL Lincez, Graduate Program in Political Science, York University

No Halfway House: Tocqueville against Political Meritocracy, Zhichao Tong, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto

Wolin and Lefort on The Political, Modernity, and Democracy's Empty Place, Lucy Cane, Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University

Coffee Break – 5 minutes

10:30 – 11:15 – Dana Villa – Between Arendt and Gadamer: Re-Reading Politics and Vision, Chair: Philip Walsh, York University

Coffee Break – 5 minutes

11:20 – 12:05 – Wolin and the Ancient Greek Demos, Chair: A.T. Kingsmith, Graduate Program in Political Science, York University

Wolin's Athens: Democracy and Social Revolution, Jeremiah Gaster, Graduate Program in Political Science, York University

On 'Fugitive Justice', Caleb Basnett, Independent Scholar

12:05 – 12:50 – Lunch – Political Science Lounge

Thursday, November 3rd *continued*

12:50 – 1:35 – John Wallach – Thucydides as a Political Theorist, Chair: James Ingram, McMaster University

Coffee Break – 5 minutes

1:40 – 3:00 – Roundtable, Chair: Terry Maley, York University

Wolin's understanding of the canon/historical texts and the Vocation of Political Theory: John Wallach, Uday Mehta, Dana Villa, and Ingrid Creppell

Coffee Break – 10 minutes

3:10 – 4:20 – The Vicissitudes of Radical Democratic Agency, Chair: Nicole Leach, Graduate Program in Political Science, York University

Social Amnesia in Canada's TRC: Sheldon Wolin, Radical Indigenous Thought and the Politics of Reconciliation, Calvin ZL Lincez, Graduate Program in Political Science, York University

Political Economy's "Global" Fugitive, Alena Wolflink, Politics, University of California Santa Cruz

Can natural disasters be revolutions? Sheldon Wolin's political time and democracy, Tyler Schuenemann, Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Friday, November 4th

9:30 – 10:15 – Uday Mehta – Wolin on Democracy and Constitutional Form, Chair: Karen Murray, York University

Coffee Break – 5 minutes

10:20 – 11:25 – Democracy, Identity, Oppression: The Political and the Far Right, Chair: Hailey Murphy, Graduate Program in Political Science, York University

The (rebooted) Origins of Totalitarianism and Reducto ad Hitlerum, Andrew Jones, Graduate Program in Political Science, York University

‘Taking Back Control’ – Brexit and the Neo-Liberal State, Iain Webb, Graduate Program in Political Science, York University

Wolin, the Political, and the National Question (in the Balkans), Jasmin Mujanovic, Independent Scholar

Coffee Break – 10 minutes

11:35 – 12:20 – Ingrid Creppell – Arendt and Enmity, Chair: Leah Bradshaw, Brock University

Coffee Break – 5 minutes

12:25 – 1:30 – Totalitarianism – Inverted? Chair: Olena Lyubchenko, Graduate Program in Political Science, York University

Understanding 21st Century Totalitarianism via the Political Philosophy of Sheldon Wolin, Kenneth Bracker, Department of Political Science, The University of North Carolina Greensboro

Inverted Totalitarianism: The Urgency of a Concept, Igor Shoikhedbrod, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto

Towards a Totalitarian Typology: Arendt and Wolin on the Character of Non-Democratic States, Aaron Service, Graduate Studies in Political Science, Brock University

1:30 – Closing Remarks: Terry Maley and Calvin ZL Lincez

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