

**3-4 November 2016  
Verney Room  
6<sup>th</sup> 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?**

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**Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> *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 4<sup>th</sup>**

**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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