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WORKSHOP

Liberal Toleration: Problems and Perspectives

6-7 December 2007

Issues of toleration, multiculturalism and religious diversity are high on today's cultural and political agenda, both inside and outside Europe. How and to what extent religious and cultural diversity should be allowed and supported to flourish are key questions for citizens, philosophers and policy makers in both East and West. Whilst the last decades of the twentieth century saw a preponderance, if not domination of liberal theories and policies of toleration and multiculturalism, at least in the European Union and the USA, recent years have shown a growing critique of liberal theory and policy—from a variety of philosophical, political and religious perspectives.

The principal aim of this workshop is to reflect critically on some issues of the histories, theories and policies of toleration from a range of historical and philosophical perspectives both from inside and outside of Europe.

The workshop is organized in the framework of the departmental two-term seminar *Toleration in Europe: History, Theory and Policy*.

The speakers and participants of the workshop are EUI professors, fellows and researchers, keynote speakers from the US (Prof. John Christian Laursen) and Denmark (Prof. Lars Binderup) as well as young scholars from Gorky Ural State University, Ekaterinburg, Russia.

Outline of the program:

6 December:

10:00 – 12:30

Presentation of the Institute (Badia Fiesolana)

12:30

Lunch

14:00

Martin Van Gelderen (HEC, EUI), *Grotius, Rembrandt and the Representation of Judaism*

Maxim Khomyakov (HEC, EUI), *A Critique of Liberal Toleration*

15:30

Coffee-break

16:00

John Christian Laursen (The University of California, Riverside, USA), *Toleration, Tyranny and Scepticism*

7 December

09:00

Lars Binderup (The University of Southern Denmark, Odense), *Tolerance and Cultural Offence*

10:30

Coffee-break

11:00

Liisi Keedus (HEC, EUI), *Concepts of Liberalism in the Earlier Writings of Leo Strauss and Hannah Arendt. Sources, Contexts, Contentions.*

Maria Guzikova (Ural State University, Ekaterinburg, Russia), *The Problem of Toleration in Social Constructivists' International Relations Theory (The Case of the EU).*

12:30 Lunch

14:00

Dmitry Pobedash (Ural State University, Ekaterinburg, Russia), *“Christian Realism” of Reinhold Niebuhr*

Polina Golovatina (Ural State University, Ekaterinburg, Russia), *Banal Nationalism or Shadows of the Past? Czech Attitude to the Germans in Everyday Life*

15:30

Coffee-break

16:00

Ilse Lasaroms (HEC, EUI), *Melodies of Melancholy. Joseph Roth and the Idea of Belonging in Retrospect*

Julia Zapariy, (Ural State University, Ekaterinburg, Russia), *Tolerance in Contemporary International Relations*

19:00

Dinner