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**8<sup>th</sup> MWP Classics Revisited Conference**

Empathy and Competition:  
A 21<sup>st</sup> Century View on Adam  
Smith

Villa La Fonte (Via delle Fontanelle 10)  
European University Institute, Florence

7<sup>th</sup> May 2014

## Morning Session:

9:00 Opening Remarks

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**Richard Bellamy** (Director of the MWP)

9:10 – 10:10 AN INTRODUCTION TO ADAM SMITH'S WORK

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**Nicholas Phillipson** (University of Edinburgh, History)

‘Rethinking Smith: A historian’s perspective’

Chair: **Richard Bellamy** (Director of the MWP)

10:10 – 11:25 PANEL 1 – SYMPATHY

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**Vivienne Brown** (The Open University, Economics)

‘Adam Smith and the Ethical Turn?’

**Christel Fricke** (University of Oslo, Department of Philosophy)

‘Empathy and Sympathy: An inquiry into the psychological foundations of moral competence’

Chair: **Ann Thomson** (EUI, HEC)

11:25 – 11:45 Coffee & Biscuits

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11:45 – 13:00 KEYNOTE TALK

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**Fonna Forman** (UC San Diego, Political Science)

‘Adam Smith for a Global Age’

Chair: **Charles Brendon** (MWP, ECO)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

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## Afternoon Session:

14:00 – 15:15 **PANEL 2 – JUSTICE**

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**Lisa Herzog** (Institut für Sozialforschung, Frankfurt)

‘Smith on Justice and the Market’

**Lauri Tähtinen** (Brown University, Political Theory Project)

‘Smith, Communication and Early Globalization’

Chair: **Youssef Cassis** (EUI, HEC)

15:15 – 15:35 Coffee

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15:35 – 16:50 **PANEL 3 – ECONOMICS**

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**Paul David** (Stanford University, Department of Economics)

‘Acting Locally while Thinking Globally: On uses of the moral sentiment ‘sympathy’ in the formation and governance of particular communities whose actions contribute global public goods’

**Tom Cooley** (NYU, Stern School of Business)

‘Adam Smith and the Regulation of Banking’

Chair: **Ramon Marimon** (EUI, ECO)

16:50 – 18:30 **CONCLUDING PRESENTATION AND FINAL DISCUSSION**

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**Daniel Markovits** (Yale Law School)

‘Price, exchange, and the solidarity of the market’

Chair: **Robert Lepenies** (MWP, LAW)

19:00 Dinner

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**Piatti e Fagotti**, Via delle Fontanelle, San Domenico (by invitation)



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