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THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

- 11.00 **Opening and Welcome**
by the Dean Prof. ANTOON VANDEVELDE
- 11.40 **Global Public Reason: in Defense of the Banausic Conception of Politics**
by JOSHUA COHEN (Stanford)
and CHARLES SABEL (Columbia)
- 13.00 **Lunch**
- 14.00 **Strangers or Enemies?**
On the Impolitical Dimensions of Global Governance
by ETIENNE BALIBAR (Nanterre/Irvine)
- 15.20 **Coffee Break**
- 15.40 **Junior Session I (plenary)**
Carl Schmitt and the Specter of a Deterritorialized Politics
by MATTHIAS LIEVENS (Leuven)
- Is a World without Politics already a Fact?**
Politics According to Arendt
by ANNELIES DEGRYSE (Leuven)
- 20.00 **Public Lecture – Which Democracy for an Agonistic Multipolar World?**
by CHANTAL MOUFFE (Westminster)

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

- 10.00 **From Governance to Government? Representative Institutions and Democratic Legitimacy in the Global Society**
by STEFAN RUMMENS (Leuven/Nijmegen)
- 11.20 **Coffee Break**
- 11.40 **Legality and/or Legitimacy in Global Governance: the Dilemmas of Political Justice**
by JEAN COHEN (Columbia)
- 13.00 **Lunch**
- 14.00 **Junior Session II (3 parallel sessions)**
- 16.00 **Coffee Break**
- 16.20 **World Empire and Global Anomie in Carl Schmitt's Political Theory of International Law**
by ANDREAS KALYVAS (New School for Social Research)
- 18.00 **Conference Dinner**

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

- 10.00 **Global Democracy and Collective Forms of Self-determination**
by MARGARET MOORE (Queen's University)
- 11.20 **Coffee Break**
- 11.40 **Title to be Announced**
by BOAVENTURA DE SOUSA SANTOS (Coimbra)
- 13.00 **Closing Lunch/Reception**

PRACTICALITIES

Location + contact details for the organisers of the conference:

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As a result of globalization, international political structures are rapidly changing. The emerging world order is characterized by a growing and complex network of regional and transnational institutions which shape an increasingly interconnected global order in a way that undermines the sovereign independence of increasingly impotent and outdated nation-states.

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Because of the growing importance of international law and because of the technocratic nature of these new institutions, the emergence of the global governance structure has often been analyzed as a process of depoliticization. Whereas politics is supposed to be about a visible, organized and ongoing struggle for power, the very concept of governance, as a form of "government without opposition", seems to refer to a bureaucratic and consensualistic way of organizing society.

Although some have hailed the increasing reliance on law, expert knowledge and consensus as a reinforcement of democracy, others have argued that the process of depoliticization helps to conceal the true power relations underlying the global structure and contributes to the disempowerment of citizens world wide in their attempts to shape the global order in a democratically legitimized manner.

It is the purpose of this conference to analyze the alleged depoliticization of the global order and to reflect on the ways in which this process affects the prospects of some form of global democracy.

BIOGRAPHIES

ETIENNE BALIBAR is the co-author (together with Louis Althusser) of the well-known book *Lire le Capital* (1965) and is considered to be one of the most influential marxist philosophers in France. His most important work in political philosophy deals with postnational citizenship and the democratization of borders. His publications further include *Race, Classe, Nation* (together with Immanuel Wallerstein) (1988), *Droit de Cité* (1998) and *Nous, Citoyens d'Europe?* (2001). Since 2000 he is Distinguished Professor of Humanities at the University of California, Irvine.

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