Emergency in the History of Political Thought
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Virtual Conference

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Day 1

10:00 – 10:10  Welcome and Housekeeping
               Giuseppe Grieco (QMUL)

10:10 – 10:30  Introductory Remarks
               Dr Emily Steinhauer (GHIL)

10:30 – 11:30  Panel 1: Emergency and Progress in Early Modern Political Thought
               Chair: Calyx Palmer (KCL)

               Huahui Zhu (KCL)
               Spontaneous Order or Decisionism? Adam Smith’s Alternative View of Legal Evolution

               Jacopo Bonasera (Bologna)
               Potentially Imminent: The Temporality of Emergency in T.R. Malthus

11:30 – 12:00  Break

12:00 – 13:00  Panel 2: Emergency Measures in Revolutionary France
               Chair: Atlanta Neudorf (QMUL)

               Emilien Arnaud (Paris 1)
               From the Urgency of Circumstances to the Decrees of Urgency: Inventing a Legislative State of Urgency in French Revolutionary Assemblies
Angus Brown (Cambridge)  
The Abbé Sieyès on Emergency Powers and Constitutional Guardianship

13:00 – 14:30  
Lunch

14:30 – 15:30  
**Panel 3: Rethinking Carl Schmitt on Emergency**  
Chair: Cathleen Mair (QMUL)

Anna Lukina (Cambridge)  
Between Exception and Normality: Schmittian Dictatorship and the Soviet Legal Order

Matty Jones (Hull)  
Emergencies as “Exceptions”: Re-Reading Carl Schmitt’s *Political Theology*

15:30 – 16:00  
Break

16:00 – 17:30  
**Keynote Address**  
Prof. John Sabapathy (UCL)  
Chair: Dr Alessandro de Arcangelis (UCL)

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**Day 2**

11:30 – 12:30  
Virtual Coffee and Networking

14:00 – 15:00  
**Panel 4: Re-Imagining Nation-States in Times of Emergency**  
Chair: Peter Morgan (UCL)

Yasmin Dualeh (Cambridge)  
Diasporic Vanguardism: Interwar Arab American Print Culture and the Creation of the “Syrian World”

Ararat Gocmen (QMUL)  
Otto Bauer’s “National-Evolutionary Politics”: Cultural Nationalism as Socialist Strategy
15:00 – 15:15
Break

15:15 – 16:15
Panel 5: Sovereignty and Emergency in Asian Political Thought
Chair: David Klemperer (QMUL)

Leland Stange (Cambridge)
Emergency Sovereignty: Sun Yat-Sen’s Theory of the State

Cristina Conesa (QMUL)
Patience, Not Immediacy: Mahatma Gandhi’s Reconceptualization of Emergency

16:15 – 16:45
Break

16:45 – 18:15
Roundtable on ‘Emergency in the History of Political Thought’
Dr Chloe Ireton (UCL)
Prof. Lea Ypi (LSE)
Dr Waseem Yaqoob (QMUL)

Chair: Dr Julia Nicholls (KCL)

18:15 – 18:30
Concluding Remarks