



Public Lecture

—

Thursday, 22 October 2020

Solidarity, Immigration and Social Class

—

Prof. Lea Ypi, London School of Economics and Political Science

Discussant: Jean-Thomas Arrighi, University of Neuchâtel

18:15 – 19:45 h

Location: University of Neuchâtel, Avenue du 1er-Mars 26, Room C46.

The Public Lecture will be streamed online on the nccr – on the move YouTube channel

Abstract

Progressive skepticism about immigration is rooted in the idea that there is a trade-off between openness to immigration and support for the welfare state. The response to this has so far been to take seriously the nation-state model of solidarity and to seek ways to incorporate its challenges to adapt that model to the circumstances of contemporary politics. The two most prominent avenues are what one might call multicultural solidarity, on the one hand, and supranational solidarity, on the other. In this paper, I want to defend a third model, what I will call class-based solidarity. I argue that class-based solidarity offers a more attractive response to the progressive dilemma, illustrate how it relates to the notions of the political community we are familiar with and conclude by emphasizing the relevance of social class in building bonds of solidarity.

Curriculum Vitae

Lea Ypi is Professor in Political Theory at the London School of Economics and Political Science and Adjunct Professor in Philosophy at the Australian National University. A native of Albania, she has degrees in Philosophy and Literature from the University of Rome La Sapienza, a PhD from the European University Institute, and was a Post-Doctoral Prize Research Fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford University. She is the author of *Global Justice and Avant-Garde Political Agency*, *The Meaning of Partisanship* (with Jonathan White) and *The Architectonic of Reason*, all published by Oxford University Press. She is currently working on *Territorial Justice* (forthcoming with Princeton University Press) and a philosophical memoir provisionally entitled *Free* (forthcoming with Penguin Press, and in French, Italian, German and Dutch translations). Her work has been recognized with several prizes such as the British Academy Prize for Excellence in Political Science and the Leverhulme Prize for Outstanding Research Achievement. She has regular columns in *The Guardian* and *The New Statesman*.

Selected Publications

- Ypi, Lea (forthcoming). *The Architectonic of Reason*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- White, Jonathan and Lea Ypi (2016). *The Meaning of Partisanship*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Ypi, Lea (2014). On Revolution in Kant and Marx, *Political Theory* 42(3), 262-287.
- Ypi Lea (2013). What's Wrong with Colonialism, *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 41(2), 158-191.
- Ypi Lea (2011). *Global Justice and Avant-Garde Political Agency*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.