

Saturday, April 4

9:00am–5:30pm at Hardin Hall

Session I: 9:00-12:00

MODERATOR

James Farr, Northwestern University

SPEAKERS

“Rousseau and the Ends of Rhetoric”

Peter Meyers, Sorbonne Nouvelle and Princeton University

“Words as Weapons in Benjamin Constant’s Thought”

Bryan Garsten, Yale University

“Ambivalent Prophecy: the Rhetoric of Tocqueville’s
Democracy in America”

George Shulman, New York University

Session II: 1:00-3:00

MODERATOR

Patchen Markell, University of Chicago

SPEAKERS

“‘Hyperbolic Rhetoric and Polemics’: the Question of Nietzsche”

Tracy Strong, University of California, San Diego

“On Public Action: Rhetoric and Glory in Hannah Arendt’s
The Human Condition”

Andrew Norris, University of California, Santa Barbara

Session III: 3:30-5:30

MODERATOR

Dilip Gaonkar, Northwestern University

SPEAKERS

“Political Philosophy as Rhetoric: the Case of Leo Strauss”

Miguel Vatter, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

“Quentin Skinner’s ‘Rhetorical Turn’ and its Implications for the
Study of Political Thought”

Kari Palonen, University of Jyväskylä

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This conference brings together distinguished and emerging scholars in political theory, philosophy, communication, literature, history, and other areas of the social sciences and humanities who share an interest in the rhetorical character of political thought and discourse. Our discussions will focus on a wide range of issues regarding the pivotal function of rhetoric in the history of political thought and contemporary political theory.

Thursday, April 2

12:00pm–5:30pm at Hardin Hall

Opening Remarks: 12:15-12:45

Session I: 12:45-2:45

MODERATOR

Keith Topper, University of California, Irvine

SPEAKERS

“Thucydides in Baghdad”

Peter Euben, Duke University

“Rhetoric and Representation in Plato’s *Republic*”

Jill Frank, University of South Carolina

Welcoming Remarks: 3:00-3:30

Henry Bienen, President,
Northwestern University

Barbara O’Keefe, Dean, School of Communication,
Northwestern University

Session II: 3:30-5:30

MODERATOR

Robert Hariman, Northwestern University

SPEAKERS

“Subdue the Senate: Machiavelli’s ‘Way of Freedom’ or Path to Tyranny?”

John McCormick, University of Chicago

“Fanon’s Revolutionary Rhetoric”

Anne Norton, University of Pennsylvania

Friday, April 3

9:00am–5:30pm at Scott Hall Room 212

Session I: 9:00-12:00

MODERATOR

Mary Dietz, Northwestern University

SPEAKERS

“Spinoza’s Failed Rhetoric of a Supposedly Inconspicuous Transition to Secularity”

Ronald Beiner, University of Toronto

“Bringing Home the Case of the Poor: The Rhetorical Achievement of Adam Smith’s *Wealth of Nations*”

Samuel Fleischaker, University of Illinois at Chicago

“Burke and the Rhetoric of Self Knowledge”

Uday Mehta, Amherst College

Session II: 1:00-3:00

MODERATOR

John Wynne, Northwestern University

SPEAKERS

“Aristotle’s *Rhetoric* as Political Philosophy”

Bernard Yack, Brandeis University

“Cicero and the Other Scene: Integrity and Instability in the Rhetorical Republic”

Joy Connolly, New York University

Session III: 3:30-5:30

MODERATOR

Lars Tønder, Northwestern University

SPEAKERS

“Hobbes Reading Hobbes: Applying Hobbes’ Instructions for Reading Scripture to a Reading of *Leviathan* Itself”

James Martel, San Francisco State University

“Rhetorical Investments: The Topos of the Ages and Locke’s Narrative of Political Beginnings”

Kirstie McClure, University of California, Los Angeles