

CURSOS DA ARRÁBIDA  
V COURSE IN POLITICAL THEORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE  
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“MODERNITY AND ITS CRITICS”

Introduction

The debate about modernity has increased over recent years, as major challenges have developed within the community of political theorists. The work of Leo Strauss has been rediscovered, the critique launched by Alasdair McIntyre is still in the agenda, and post-modern critics have also entered into the debate. Can Modernity and Liberalism face this challenge? What are the issues at stake in the present debate? How is it likely, or how ought it, to develop from here? These will be some of the topics addressed in our fifth annual week-long Political Theory Course in Arrábida, with some of the best academic specialists in this field.

Student Profile

Attendants to this course are likely to be senior undergraduates and graduate students of Political Science, especially Political Theory, and Political Philosophy, but it is likely that those studying Political Economy and Sociology might be interested too. We warmly welcome applications from students and scholars who are not residents in Portugal.

October 6

5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**“Modernity and its Critics: Some Issues at Stake”**

João Carlos Espada, Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon and Portuguese Catholic University.

October 7

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**“Making Sense of Moral Conflict”**

Steven Lukes, University of Sienna

4.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

**“Moral, Methaphysical and Natural Justice”**

Lenn E. Goodman, Vanderbilt University

October 8

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**“Where Pluralists and Liberals Part Ways”**

John Gray, University of Oxford

4.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

**“Compassion and The Crises of Modernity”**

Clifford Orwin, University of Toronto

October 9

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**“Prospects for Social Justice”**

David Miller, University of Oxford

4.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

**“Liberalism and Communitarianism”**

John Tomasi, Brown University

October 10

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**“Freedom of Conscience”**

Chandran Kukathas, University of New South Wales, Australia