

CURSOS DA ARRÁBIDA
III COURSE IN POLITICAL THEORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
OCTOBER 9 - 13, 1995

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“CITIZENSHIP AND CIVIL SOCIETY”

Introduction

Post-cold war years have been witnessing a growing interest in what has been called the conditions of liberty. The experience of the former Communist countries, as well as recent developments in Western democracies seem to show that political institutions and market procedures are not enough for liberal democracies to thrive. When the ingredients of Citizenship and civil society are absent, liberty is threatened either by license or tyranny, or both. According to some, these issues present a fatal challenge to the conventional wisdom of Liberalism, such as it has been understood in the last decades. Others, on the contrary, argue that the spirit of liberty has always included a strong commitment to civic virtue, or to personal responsibility.

This course will introduce some of the crucial issues at stake in this debate. It will provide a unique opportunity to discuss them with distinguished Portuguese scholars as well as distinguished guests from Britain and America.

Student Profile

Attendants to this course do not need to have a technical background on Political Theory, provided that they have a genuine interest in the matters being discussed and that they are aware of the fact that some of the discussions may include a strong technical component. The course timetable as well as the secluded convent where it takes place will provide remarkable opportunities for studying, reflecting and discussing. Scholars in Political Science or Political Theory and other related disciplines are welcome, as well as non-academics who have a strong interest in political affairs.

October 9

3 p.m.

Welcome and General Introduction to the Course
João Carlos Espada, Senior Research, Institute of Social Sciences, Lisbon

5 p.m.

“Citizenship and the Anxiety of Recognition”
João Rosas, European University Institute, Florence

October 10

10 a.m.

“Civic Virtue and The Morality in Aristotle, Cicero and Aquinas”
Diogo Freitas do Amaral, University of Lisbon.

4 p.m.

“Education and Citizenship”
Guilherme d’Oliveira Martins, Member of Parliament, Lisbon

5.30 p.m.

“John Locke and Government by Consent”
Pedro Bacelar de Vasconcelos, University of Minho, Portugal

October 11

10 a.m.

“The Concept of Citizenship in The American Revolution”
Gordon Wood, Brown University.

5 p.m.

“Liberalism and Multiculturalism”
Chandran Kukathas, University of New South Wales, Australia

October 12

10 a.m.

“The Enlightenment’s Wake”
John Gray, Jesus College, Oxford

5 p.m.

“Moral Conflict and Politics”
Steven Lukes, European University Institute of Florence

October 13

10 a.m.

Closing Session
Chairman: Diogo Freitas do Amaral, University of Lisbon.