

GIVING: CARING FOR THE NEEDS OF STRANGERS

Preliminary agenda for the 28th *Social Research* conference at The New School
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Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 6, 7, and 8, 2012
(*unconfirmed speakers)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012

6:00PM - 7:30PM

I. KEYNOTE EVENT: THE NEED FOR GIVING: A DISCUSSION AMONG MAJOR PHILANTHROPISTS

Our intention is to bring together three or four of the world's leading philanthropists to discuss the need for what they do, how they make decisions about what they will support, and what they see as the future global role of philanthropy.

***Michael Bloomberg**, philanthropist; Mayor, New York City

***Warren Buffett**, American investor, industrialist and philanthropist

***Melinda Gates**, co-founder and co-chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

***George Soros**, Chairman, Open Society Institute; Chairman, Soros Fund Management, LLC

Moderator: ***Vartan Gregorian**, President, Carnegie Corporation of New York

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2012

10:00AM - 12:30PM

II. RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL GROUNDS FOR GIVING

- **THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN TRADITION**

***J. Bryan Hehir**, Parker Gilbert Montgomery Professor of the Practice of Religion and Public Life, Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University

- **ISLAM**

Amy Singer, Professor of Ottoman History, Department of Middle Eastern and African History, Tel Aviv University; author, *Charity in Islamic Societies* (CUP, 2008)

- **GIVING IN THE HINDU TRADITION**

Diana L. Eck, Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies and Fredric Wertham Professor of Law and Psychiatry in Society in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Member of the Faculty of Divinity, Harvard Divinity School

- **PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS**

Peter Singer, Ira W. DeCamp Professor of Bioethics, Princeton University; Laureate Professor at the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, University of Melbourne

LUNCH 12:30PM - 1:30PM

1:30PM - 3:30PM

III. THE DEVELOPMENT AND PSYCHOLOGY OF ALTRUISM

- **EVOLUTION OF ALTRUISM**

Martin A. Nowak, Professor of Biology and of Mathematics, Harvard University, Director of Harvard's Program for Evolutionary Dynamics; Co-author with Roger Highfield, *SuperCooperators: Why We Need Each Other to Succeed* (Free Press, 2011)

- **THE NEUROSCIENCE OF ALTRUISM AND EMPATHY**

***Michael Gazzaniga**, Professor of Psychology, Director, SAGE Center for the Study of Mind, University of California Santa Barbara; author, *Mind Matters* and *Nature's Mind*

- **PSYCHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF ALTRUISM IN CHILDREN**

Felix Warneken, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Harvard University; Co-author (2006). "Altruistic helping in human infants and young chimpanzees." *Science*, 311, 1301-1303

4:00PM – 6:30PM

IV. GIVING AND THE STATE: LEGAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES

- **THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PHILANTHROPY AND DEMOCRACY**

Robert Reich, Associate Professor of Political Science, Stanford University; author, *Bridging Liberalism and Multiculturalism in Education* (UCP, 2002)

- **RELIGION AND THE WELFARE STATE**

Low Daly, Director and Senior Fellow, Demos; author, *God's Economy: Faith-Based Initiatives and the Caring State* (Chicago 2009), *Unjust Deserts: How the Rich are Taking our Common Inheritance* (New Press, 2008), *God and the Welfare State* (MIT Press, 2006)

- **THE WAY PHILANTHROPY HAS SHAPED THE STATE IN THE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES, IN THE U.S.**

James Allen Smith, Vice President and Director of Research and Education, Rockefeller Archive Center; author, *The Idea Brokers: Think Tanks and the Rise of the New Policy Elite* (Free Press, 1991)

- **TAX LAWS AND PHILANTHROPY**

Jon Bakija, Professor of Economics, Williams College; co-author, "How Does Charitable Giving Respond to Incentives and Income? New Estimates from Panel Data." *National Tax Journal*, 2011, 64:2

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2012

10:00AM - 12:00 PM

V. SOLVING PUBLIC PROBLEMS THROUGH PRIVATE MEANS

- **PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS**

Helmut Anheier, Dean, Berlin Professor of Sociology, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin

- **PHILANTHROCAPITALISM**

Matthew Bishop, U.S. Business Editor, New York Bureau Chief, *The Economist*

- **INDIVIDUALS HELPING STRANGERS**

***Tina Rosenberg**, writer for the Opinionator, *New York Times*; author, *Join the Club: How Peer Pressure Can Transform the World* (WW Norton and Co, 2011)

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VI. THE IMPACT OF GIVING ON THE RECIPIENT

- **GIVING TO DEVELOPING STATES**

Dambisa Moyo, international economist; author, *Dead Aid: Why Aid is Not Working and How There is a Better Way for Africa* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009) and *How the West Was Lost: Fifty Years of Economic Folly and the Stark Choices Ahead* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011)

- **GIVING IN TIMES OF DISASTERS**

***Andrew Natsios**, Distinguished Professor, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University; author, *Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse: Humanitarian Relief in Complex Emergencies* (Praeger, 1997)

- **THE IMPACT OF PRIVATE GIVING ON PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS: PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS AN EXAMPLE**

***Joanne Barkan**, contributor, editorial board member, *Dissent*; author, "Got Dough? How Billionaires Rule Our Schools" Winter 2011, *Dissent*

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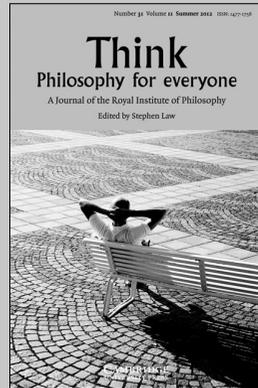
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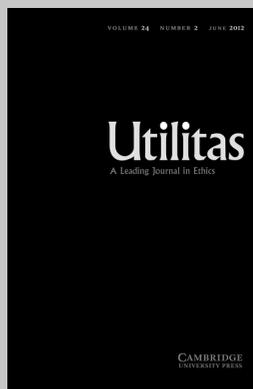
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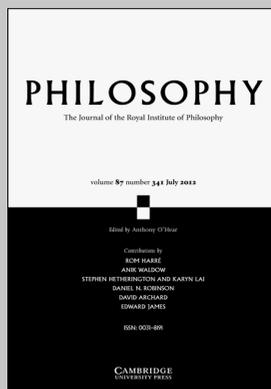
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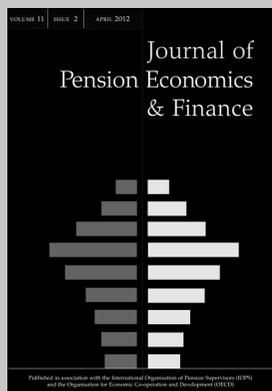
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