The DU-CU 2017 Week of Jewish Philosophy

Religion & Human Rights

3 events with visiting scholar

Prof. Samuel Moyn (Harvard Law School)

Wednesday & Thursday, April 5 & 6, 2017

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Christian Human Rights

Graduate Seminar @ University of Denver

Space is limited; Location & readings made available upon RSVP to cjs@du.edu

In this seminar our visiting scholar addresses Christian sources of human rights discourse, paying special attention to the era around World War II when several versions of Christianity helped popularize the idea of human rights, and focusing on the Catholic thinker Jacques Maritain – easily the most prominent worldwide thinker advocating for the principles.

Thursday, April 6, 2017 • 12:30-2:00pm

Judaism & Human Rights

Seminar @ CU Boulder; Lunch will be served

Space is limited; Location & readings made available upon RSVP to CUJewishStudies@colorado.edu

Is Judaism compatible with human rights? Is Judaism even the source of these high principles? By focusing on the writing of one influential human rights lawyer (and Orthodox Jew), Columbia professor Louis Henkin, we will address where human rights fit in Jewish history and where Jews fit in human rights history, with an eye to why the answers might matter in the present.

Thursday, April 6, 2017 • 6:00-8:00pm

Religion & Human Rights After the 2016 Election

Panel Discussion @ CU Boulder; 2nd floor Eaton Humanities - HUMN 250

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Samuel Moyn (Harvard Law School) • Greg Johnson (Religious Studies, CU) • Susan Kent (History, CU) • Carl Raschke (Religious Studies, DU) • Joshua Wilson (Political Science, DU)

What will the future of human rights look like after the 2016 election? How have religious traditions shaped our thinking about human dignity and democracy in the past, and how might the relationship between religion and human rights change in a time marked by developments such as populist movements, Brexit, and the election of Donald Trump? Our guest scholar will join an interdisciplinary panel of CU and DU faculty to explore these questions, reflecting on the fraught history—and uncertain future—of religion and human rights.

Samuel Moyn is Jeremiah Smith, Jr. Professor of Law and Professor of History at Harvard University. He received a doctorate in modern European history from the University of California-Berkeley in 2000 and a law degree from Harvard University in 2001. He has written several books in European intellectual history and human rights history, including The Last Utopia: Human Rights in History (Harvard University Press, 2010), and edited a number of others. His new book, based on Mellon Distinguished Lectures at the University of Pennsylvania, is Christian Human Rights (2015).

Please RSVP today!

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