

# **“Republic and Empire: Rethinking the Categories”**

**A two-day conference at Columbia University**

**Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4, 2009**

**Organized by Jean L. Cohen**

**All panels to take place in the Heyman Center Second Floor Common Room**

**Friday Evening Plenary to take place in 501 Schermerhorn Hall**

## **Friday, April 3**

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**Opening Remarks:** Jean L. Cohen, *Columbia University*

9:15am-9:30am

### **Panel 1: Republican Thought and Empire**

9:30am-11:30am Chair: Melissa Schwartzberg, *Columbia University*

"Republican Theory and the Temptation of Empire"

Phillip Pettit, *Princeton University*

"A Republican Conception of Human Rights in the Age of Empire"

Rainer Forst, *Frankfurt University*

"State, Commonwealth and Power"

Matthias Lutz-Bachmann, *Frankfurt University*

Commentator: Andreas Kalyvas, *The New School*

### **Panel 2: The State System and Empire: Historical Perspectives**

11:45am-1:15pm Chair: Nehal Bhuta, *University of Toronto*

"Law Between Sovereigns: From Roman Republican Imperialism to Gentili's Law of Nations"

Benjamin Straumann, *New York University*

"Punishment of States and Peoples in the Law of War"

Benedict Kingsbury, *New York University*

Commentator: Karuna Mantena, *Yale University*

**Lunch:** 1:15pm-2:30pm

### **Panel 3: U.S. Republicanism and the Imperial Example**

2:30pm-5:00pm Chair: Victoria de Grazia, *Columbia University*

"Is There an American Empire?"

Philip Bobbitt, *Columbia University*

"Second Thoughts on 'American Empire'"

Anders Stephanson, *Columbia University*

"Empire, Slave Emancipation and Human Rights"

Robin Blackburn, *The New School*

Commentator: Eric Foner, *Columbia University*

### **Panel 4 – Friday Evening Plenary: Republic and Empire: The U.S.A. Today**

5:30pm-7:30pm Chair: Jean L. Cohen, *Columbia University*

"The Imperial Presidency in an Age of Terror"

Bruce Ackerman, *Yale University*

Commentator: Andrew Arato, *The New School*

**Saturday, April 4**

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**Panel 5: French and Turkish Republicanism and Imperial Logics**

9:30am-11:15am Chair: Jean L. Cohen, *Columbia University*

"The Impossible Imperial Citizenship"

Pierre Rosanvallon, *Collège de France*

"The Pathologies of Turkish Republican Laicism"

Ayşe Kadioglu, *Sabancı University*

Commentator: Nadia Urbinati, *Columbia University*

**Panel 6: Israel: A Late Republic and Internal Empire**

11:30am-1:15pm Chair: David Johnston, *Columbia University*

"Israel 1967: The Onset of Empire and the Decline of Republicanism"

Yoav Peled, *Tel Aviv University*

"Ethnic Republicanism and the Logic of Exclusive Expansionism: Theoretical Conclusions from Israeli Politics"

Amal Jamal, *Tel Aviv University*

Commentator: Nida Alahmad, *The New School*

**Lunch** 1:15pm-3:00pm

**Panel 7: Beyond Sovereign Equality?: Global Constitutionalism and/or Empire**

3:00pm-5:15pm Chair: Samuel Moyn, *Columbia University*

"Informal Imperialism and the Res Publica"

James Tully, *University of Victoria*

"Contemporary International Law: Empire of Law or Law of Empire?"

Jose Alvarez, *Columbia University*

"New Modes and Orders: Is a Jus Post Bellum of Constitutional Transformation Possible or Desirable?"

Neha Bhuta, *University of Toronto*

Commentator: Jean L. Cohen, *Columbia University*

**Reception:** 5:15pm

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