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Political Economy and the Good Life: The 2024 Postliberalism Conference

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Energeia/Learning By Doing · *The Plough*

13–14 December 2024

McCrum Lecture Theatre, Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge

FRIDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2024

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| 09.00 – 09.30 am | Arrival, registration and coffee |
| 09.30 – 10.00 am | Welcome & Overview

John Milbank (Centre for Social Renewal), José Alberto Garibaldi (Energeia/Learning by Doing) & Mark S. Weiner (Telos-Paul Piccone Institute) |
| 10.00 – 11.30 am | Keynote I

Michael Lind – Pluralism and the Social Constitution

Moderator: Tom McTague (invited)

Panel discussion with Claire Ainsley, Jon Cruddas and Adrian Pabst |
| 11.30 am – 12.00 noon | Coffee |



12.00 noon – 1.15 pm

Plenary Session 1

The Crisis of Contemporary Capitalism and Civil Society

Moderator: Alison Milbank

Panel discussion with Frances Foley, Brian (Lord) Griffiths and Paul Tyson

1.15–2.15 pm

Lunch

2.15 – 3.45 pm

Plenary Session 2

Beyond Global Capitalism and the Ecological Crisis: rebuilding national economies and societies

Moderator: Freddie Sayers

Panel discussion with Sohrab Ahmari, Juan Carlos Belausteguigoitia, Mary Harrington and Wolfgang Streeck

3.45 – 4.15 pm

Tea

4.15 – 5.45 pm

Plenary Session 3

Economic Democracy and Political Participation

Moderator: Hannah Barnes

Panel discussion with Dan Carden MP, Jonathan C.D. Clark, Will Hutton and Munira Mirza

5.45 – 7 pm

Plenary Session 4

Geopolitics, Ecology and the International Economy

Moderator: Frances Ward

Panel discussion with Richard Beardsworth, Maurice (Lord) Glasman and Aris Roussinos

7.30 pm

Conference dinner (Ridley Hall)

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SATURDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2024

09.00 – 09.15 am Coffee

09.15 – 10.45 am Keynote II

John Milbank – The Politics of Virtue

Moderator: Michael Gove

Panel discussion with Susannah Black Roberts, John Ritzema and Imogen Sinclair

10.45 – 11.05 am Coffee

11.05 am – 12.35 pm Plenary Session 5

Left conservatism: the future?

Moderator: Jason Cowley

Panel discussion with Miriam Cates, Dan Hitchens, Katja Hoyer and Vidal Romero

12.35 – 1.30 pm Lunch

1.30 – 2.45 pm Plenary Session 6

Imagination and action: combatting the machine

Moderator: Esmé Partridge

Panellists: Tara Burton, Paul Kingsnorth, Alison Milbank and James Noyes

2.45 – 4.15 pm Plenary Session 7

Pursuing the Good Life: Nature, Demography and Politics

Moderator: Andy Scerri



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Panellists: Ian Marcus Corbin, José Alberto Garibaldi, David Goodhart and Tobias Phibbs

4.15 pm – 4.45 pm

Tea

4.45 pm – 6.15 pm

Plenary Session 8

Renewing the West

Moderator: Adrian Pabst

Panellists: Tom Holland, Sebastian Milbank, David Pan and Lola Salem

6.15 – 7 pm

Drinks and departure



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SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS

Sohrab Ahmari, Co-Founder and Co-Editor, *Compact Magazine*; as of January 2025 US Editor of UnHerd; author of *Tyranny, Inc. How Private Power Crushed American Liberty—And What To Do About It* (2023)

Claire Ainsley, Director of the Project on Center-Left Renewal, Progressive Policy Institute; Director of Policy, Labour Party (2020-22)

Hannah Barnes, Associate Editor, *New Statesman*; author of *Time to Think: The Inside Story of the Collapse of the Tavistock's Gender Service for Children* (2023)

Richard Beardsworth, Professor of International Politics; Head of the School of Politics and International Studies, University of Leeds

Juan Carlos Belausteguigoitia, Professor of Economics; Director of the Center of Energy and Natural Resources, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)

Susannah Black Roberts, Senior Editor at *Plough*, *Mere Orthodoxy* and *New Polity*

Phillip Blond, Director, ResPublica; author of *Red Tory* (2010)

Tara Isabella Burton, author and novelist

Dan Carden MP, Labour Member of Parliament for Liverpool, Walton

Miriam Cates, GB News Presenter; Senior Fellow, Centre for Social Justice; former Conservative Member of Parliament for Penistone and Stocksbridge

Jonathan C.D. Clark, British historian; Joyce C. and Elizabeth Ann Hall Distinguished Professor Emeritus of British History, University of Kansas

Ian Marcus Corbin, philosopher at Harvard Medical School; Senior Fellow, Capita

Jason Cowley, Editor-in-Chief, *The New Statesman* (2008-2024); author of *Who Are We Now? Stories of Modern England* (2022)

Jon Cruddas, former Labour MP for Dagenham and Rainham; author of *The Dignity of Labour* (2021) and *A Century of Labour* (2024)

Frances Foley, Deputy Director, Compass

José Alberto Garibaldi, Director, Energeia Network; Lead, Learning by Doing initiative

Maurice (Lord) Glasman, Labour Life Peer; Director, Common Good Foundation; author of *Blue Labour: The Politics of the Common Good* (2022)



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David Goodhart, Head of Demography, Immigration & Integration, Policy Exchange; author of *The Care Dilemma* (2024)

Michael Gove, Editor, *The Spectator*; Cabinet Minister 2010–2024

Brian (Lord) Griffiths, Conservative Life Peer; former Head of No 10 Policy Unit;

Mary Harrington, Contributing Editor, *UnHerd* and author of *Feminism against Progress* (2022)

Dan Hitchens, Senior Editor, *First Things*

Tom Holland, historian and author of *Dominion* (2019) and *Pax* (2023)

Katja Hoyer, Visiting Research Fellow, King's College London, and author of *Beyond the Wall* (2023)

Will Hutton, President, Academy of Social Sciences; columnist, *The Observer*; author of *This Time No Mistakes* (2024)

Paul Kingsnorth, writer; former deputy editor of *The Ecologist* and a co-founder of the Dark Mountain Project

Michael Lind, academic and writer; author of *The New Class War* (2020) and *Hell to Pay* (2023)

Tom McTague, Political Editor, *UnHerd*

Alison Milbank, Emeritus Professor of Theology and Literature, University of Nottingham; author of *God and the Gothic* (2018) and *For the Parish* (2010, together with Andrew Davison).

John Milbank, Emeritus Professor of Religion, Politics and Ethics, University of Nottingham; author of *Theology and Social Theory* (1990) and *The Politics of Virtue* (2016, together with Adrian Pabst)

Sebastian Milbank, Executive Editor, *The Critic*

Munira Mirza, Director, Civic Future; Head of the No 10 Policy Unit (2019-2022)

James Noyes, Senior Fellow, Social Market Foundation

Adrian Pabst, Professor of Politics, University of Kent; Deputy Director, National Institute of Economic and Social Research; author of *Postliberal Politics* (2021)

David Pan, Editor, *Telos*; Professor of German, University of California, Irvine

Esmé Partridge, writer and parliamentary researcher

Tobias Phibbs, Deputy Director, Common Good Foundation; Head of Talent and Community, Civic Future



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John Ritzema, Associate Faculty Member and Pharos Foundation Marshall Research Fellow, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford

Vidal Romero, Professor of Political Science, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM); Co-Director, Centre for the Study of Security, Intelligence, and Governance

Aris Roussinos, *UnHerd* columnist and former war reporter

Lola Salem, Post-Doctoral Fellow; Lecturer in Music, Oriel College, University of Oxford, and consultant

Freddie Sayers, Editor-in-Chief and CEO, *UnHerd*; Publisher of *The Spectator*, *UnHerd* and *Apollo Magazine*

Andy Scerri, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Virginia Tech

Imogen Sinclair, Director, New Social Covenant Unit

Wolfgang Streeck, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, Max-Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany; author of *Taking Back Control? States and State Systems After Globalism* (2024)

Paul Tyson, Honorary Senior Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Queensland, Australia

Frances Ward, Honorary fellow at St Chad's College, Durham; licensed theologian in the Diocese of Carlisle and former Dean of St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Mark S. Weiner, Executive Director, Telos-Paul Piccone Institute