

SUBJECTIVITY AND SOCIABILITY IN ARABIC AND LATIN TRADITIONS

The Second SSALT workshop

28-30 April 2011, Institut Finlandais, 60 Rue des écoles, Paris

The general theme of the workshop is to explore the notions of subjectivity in the contexts of moral and political philosophy from Late Antiquity to Early Modern period. In more precise terms, the workshop concentrates on the various ways in which human subjectivity figures in discussions concerning human sociability, and how the conceptions of human experience, agency, consciousness, self-consciousness, emotions, and intersubjectivity appear in political contexts. By addressing the interplay between political philosophy and philosophical psychology in different historical and intellectual contexts, the workshop will further philosophical understanding of the nature of subjectivity within social context and elucidate affiliations and parallel developments within different traditions.

The workshop is organized by an ERC research project *Subjectivity and Selfhood in the Arabic and Latin Traditions*. The venue is Institut Finlandais, Paris, and the workshop takes place on 28-30 April. The entry is free to everyone interested.

PROGRAM

THURSDAY

- 14:00 Opening
- 14:10 Anthony Black: Violence and Consent: Individual, Tribe and State in Latin and Arabic Thought.
- 15:10 Coffee
- 15:30 Thérèse Druart: Al-Farabi on Intersubjectivity in This Life and Hereafter.
- 16:30 Mikko Yrjönsuuri: Self-interest and Others.

FRIDAY

- 10:00 Dominic O'Meara: The Metaphysics of Sociability in Greek Neoplatonism.
- 11:00 Juhana Toivanen: Human Nature and Sociability in Aquinas' Commentary on Aristotle's Politics.
- 12:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Gianluca Briguglia: Narrations des origines et de la socialité dans la pensée politique du XIIIe et XIVe siècle.
- 15:00 Rebecca Kingston: Descartes' Les Passions de l'ame and Its Impact on Our Understanding of the

SATURDAY

- 10:00 Philippe Vallat: Can Man Assess God's Goodness? A Controversy between Abu Bakr al-Razi (d. 925) and the Mu'tazili Theologians.
- 11:00 Sylvain Piron: L'anthropologie politique de Nicole Oresme.
- 12:00 Coffee
- 12:15 Taneli Kukkonen: "Everyone is born with a sound disposition": On Education Going Wrong (and on Religion Putting Things to Rights)
- 13:15 Closing

