

# BENTHAM'S POLITICAL CONSTITU= TIONALISM



## Lessons from Classical Utilitarianism in Regressive Times?

Gesellschaft für Utilitarismusstudien

Convenors: Peter Niesen and Michael Schefczyk

Universität Hamburg, 21.-22.11.2025

Warburghaus, Heilwigstr. 116

Richard Bellamy – Markus Patberg – Guillaume Tusseau – Xiaobo Zhai – Leonardo Nochang Heck – Emanuela Ceva – Maria Paola Ferretti – Brian Chen – Philip Schofield – Emmanuelle de Champs – Johannes Gerschewski – Piers Norris Turner – Philipp Schink – Gordon Arlen – Frauke Höntzsch



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## PROGRAMME

21.11.

### Political Constitutionalism and Bentham's Constitutional Law

**9.30 h** Richard Bellamy (UCL): Bentham's Place in a Genealogy of Political Constitutionalism.  
Keynote I Comment: Markus Patberg (Hamburg)

– Coffee break –

**11.00 h** Guillaume Tusseau (Sciences Po, Paris): Bentham's Constitutionalism and the Genealogy of Weak Forms of Judicial Review

**12.00 h** Xiaobo Zhai (Macao): Bentham's and Waldron's Political Constitutionalisms: A Comparison.  
Comment: Leonardo Nochang Heck (Hamburg)

– Lunch break –

**14.00 h** Emanuela Ceva (Geneva) & Maria Paola Ferretti (Mainz): Beyond Bentham: Office Accountability for Vulnerable Institutions.  
Keynote II Comment: Brian Chen (NCCU Taipeh)

**15.30 h** Philip Schofield (UCL): Bentham on the Chief Executive Functionary.  
Comment: Emmanuelle de Champs (Cergy Paris)

– Coffee break –

**16.45 h** Johannes Gerschewski (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin): How Can Patterns of Autocratization be Reined in?

**17.45 h** Annual Members' Meeting *Gesellschaft für Utilitarismusstudien*

**19.00 h** Conference Dinner

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22.11.

### Democratic Control from Bentham to Mill

Note: University Campus VMP 9, A 215

**9.15 h** Piers Norris Turner (Ohio State): Official Aptitude and the Limits of Authority in Bentham and Mill.  
Comment: Philipp Schink (Oldenburg)

– Coffee break –

**10.30 h** Gordon Arlen (Melbourne): Anti-Oligarchy from Bentham to Mill.  
Comment: Frauke Höntzsch (Augsburg)

**11.30 h** Michael Schefczyk (KIT), Peter Niesen (Hamburg): Roundup

**12.30 h** End of conference



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