

CALL FOR PAPERS

Martha Nussbaum, Cosmopolitanism and Global Justice

A two day conference to be held at

The Centre for the Study of Social and Global Justice (CSSGJ)

University of Nottingham

Thursday 6th-Friday 7th May, 2010,

in association with

The Centre for Contemporary Aristotelian Studies in Ethics & Politics(CASEP),

London Metropolitan University

Martha Nussbaum is the Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics at the University of Chicago. From 1986 to 1993, she was a research advisor at the World Institute for Development Economics Research, Helsinki, a part of the United Nations University.

Nussbaum is a prolific thinker and writer, with a wide range of interests. Amongst contemporary political philosophers, she stands out as a figure who defends a more traditional, indeed Aristotelian, approach to current moral and political problems, based on the principles of essentialism and universalism, in a climate where the opposing principles of relativism and constructivism have come to hold sway.

In addition to editing thirteen volumes, and her many journal articles, Professor Nussbaum's numerous other publications include the following books: *Aristotle's De Motu Animalium* (1978), *The Fragility of Goodness: Luck and Ethics in Greek Tragedy and Philosophy* (1986, updated edition 2000), *Love's Knowledge: Essays in Philosophy and Literature* (1990), *The Therapy of Desire* (1994), *Poetic Justice* (1996), *For Love of Country: Debating the Limits of Patriotism* (1996), *Cultivating Humanity: A Classical Defense of Reform in Liberal Education* (1997), *Sex and Social Justice* (1998), *Women and Human Development* (2000), *Upheavals of Thought: The Intelligence of Emotions* (2001), *Hiding From Humanity: Disgust, Shame, and the Law* (2004), *Frontiers of Justice: Disability, Nationality, Species Membership* (2006), and *The Clash Within: Democracy, Religious Violence, and India's Future* (2007); and *Liberty of Conscience: In Defense of America's Tradition of Religious Equality* (2008).

In September 2005 Martha Nussbaum was listed among the world's Top 100 intellectuals by *Foreign Policy* and *Prospect* magazines. In July 2003 James Reeves contributed an article on Martha Nussbaum to a Special Issue of *The New Statesman* devoted to a selection of 12 'Great Thinkers of Our Time.' The other thinkers whose views were discussed included Jean Baudrillard, Noam Chomsky, Jacques Derrida, James Lovelock, Antonio Negri and Peter Singer.

The focus of the forthcoming conference is primarily on the work which Martha Nussbaum has done on issues relating to the notions of cosmopolitanism and global justice, especially in works such as *The Quality of Life* (1993, edited with Amartya Sen), *For Love of Country: Debating the Limits of Patriotism* (1996), *Women and Human Development: The Capabilities Approach* (2000), and *Frontiers of Justice: Disability, Nationality, Species Membership* (2006). However, contributions relating to other aspects of Nussbaum's work may also be considered.

Contributions which engage critically with Nussbaum's work from alternative perspectives are welcome.

Please submit proposals, including title and abstract, to the academic convenors of the conference,

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The deadline for submission of proposals is 30th October 2009.

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