

New Approaches to Social Contract Theory: Liberty, Equality, Diversity, and the Open Society

Workshop, December 8-10, 2022

Organizers:

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Venue:

Chapman University
Wilkinson Hall ([Google Map](#))
Orange, CA 92866



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Program

Thursday, December 08

19:00 Informal dinner/drinks
Anepalco (next to Alo Hotel)
3737 Chapman Avenue

Friday, December 09

08:30 - 09:00 Breakfast

09:00 - 09:30 **Opening Remarks: New Social Contract Theory**
Michael Moehler and John Thrasher

09:30 - 10:45 **Introducing Realistic Power Relations Into the New Social Contract:
A Hobbesian Example**
Sharon A. Lloyd (University of Southern California)

10:45 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:15 **A Realistic Social Contract Theory**
Christopher W. Morris (University of Maryland, College Park)

12:15 - 13:30 Lunch break
On-site catering

13:30 - 14:45 **The Emergent Contract: An Agent-Based Model of Endogenous
Reconciliation**
Alexander Schaefer (New York University)

14:45 - 15:00 Coffee break

15:00 - 16:15 **Diversity, Networks, and Polarization**
Sahar Heydari Fard (The Ohio State University)

16:15 - 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 - 17:45 **Why Natural Social Contracts are Not Fair**
Cailin O'Connor (University of California, Irvine)

18:15 Workshop dinner (upon invitation)
Citrus City Grille
122 N Glassell Street

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Saturday, December 10

08:45 - 09:15	Breakfast
09:15 - 10:30	Bargaining, Diversity, and the Veil Justin Bruner (University of Arizona)
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 - 12:00	Harnessing Diversity, Dynamism, and Discovery Ryan Muldoon (University at Buffalo)
12:00 - 13:15	Lunch break On-site catering
13:15 - 14:30	Contract and Consensus John Thrasher (Chapman University)
14:30 - 14:45	Coffee break
14:45 - 16:00	Diversity, Polycentricity, Justice, and the Open Society Michael Moehler (Virginia Tech)
16:00 - 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 - 17:30	Can the Liberty of Subjects Protect Against Tyranny and Corruption in Government? Claire Finkelstein (University of Pennsylvania)
18:00	Informal dinner/drinks [TBD]