THE DEVELOPMENT OF BRITISH POLITICAL THOUGHT 1500-1700
April 13-14, 1979
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The history of any nation's political thought is the history of how people in that nation perceived their political society—its values, structure, and history, and the political events occurring within it—and interpreted it to themselves. From time to time political thought becomes political theory and philosophy; systems of ideas are elaborated which seem to outline the immediate considerations which give rise to them. During the heroic age of the formation of its constitutional and religious society, England and the later kingdom of Great Britain gave rise to political thought, theory, and philosophy of enduring importance in human history.

In this symposium, nine speakers will discuss aspects of the development of British political thought between 1500 and 1700. Among the topics to be considered will be the richness of its intellectual variety and the writers and thinkers: famous and obscure, who conducted its growth.

Friday, April 13
9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION: Folger Theatre Lobby
9:30 a.m. HUMANISM, RELIGION, AND LAW IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND 1500-1600
Chairman: Lois G. Schoeber
George Washington University
Quentin Skinner
Institute for Advanced Study
The Social Philosophy of English Humanism
Louis A. Knafel
University of Calgary
The Politics of Common Law: The Ancient Constitution Revisited
Arthur H. Williamson
New York University
Scotland, Antichrist, and the Invention of Great Britain

12:00 p.m. BUFFET LUNCHEON: Folger Exhibition Gallery

2:00 p.m. THE CRISIS OF THE CONSTITUTION 1600-1660
Chairman: Gerald M. Straka
University of Delaware
J.H. Hexter
Washington University
The Look of Things Circa 1611: A Political Satire
Michael J. Mendle
Brooklyn College, CUNY
In Its 'Prime Estate'? John Lilburne and the Long Parliament Before the Civil War
Barbara Taft
Bryn Mawr College
The Seventeenth-Century Commonwealthsmen

4:30 p.m. RECEPTION: Folger Exhibition Gallery

Saturday, April 14
9:30 a.m. POST-RESTORATION POLITICAL CULTURE 1660-1700
Chairman: Gordon S. Schochet, Rutgers University
Steven N. Zwicker
Washington University
Language as Disguise: Politics and Poetry in the Later Seventeenth Century
Margaret C. Jacob
Baruch College, CUNY
J.G.A. Pocock
Johns Hopkins University
Whiggism: A Problem in Historical Reassessment

LUNCH BREAK
2:00 p.m. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (limited registration)
The Founder's Room, Folger Shakespeare Library
Moderator: J.G.A. Pocock

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The registration fee for the symposium is $15.00 if paid in advance, $17.50 if paid at the door. The fee includes the three lecture sessions, Friday's buffet luncheon, and the reception early Friday evening. Because of space limitations, places at the symposium cannot be guaranteed without advance registration.

Enrollment in the roundtable discussion on Saturday afternoon will be limited to thirty persons. Please indicate below if you would like to attend.

Interested participants should return this card, accompanied by a check in the amount of $15.00 made payable to the Folger Shakespeare Library, to:

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Registration for the symposium will be confirmed by a card of admission. Confirmation of a place in the roundtable discussion will be indicated on this card. Pre-registered participants need not register on Friday.

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Faculty [ ] Student [ ] Other [ ]

I would like to attend the roundtable discussion.

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