

**Utopia symposium:**

**The Norwegian Institute in Rome. 6-8. May 2010**

Viale XXX Aprile 33, 00153 Roma, Italia

**Notes on the organization and digital publication of symposium papers.**

Preprints are requested of all lecturers by 1. May so that we can publish them for all participants on the web. Final papers will be requested by deadline 15. July. All lectures will be podcast on web, perhaps also on iTunes by 15. July. We hope to publish final symposium papers digitally in fall of 2010, and in postprint paper publication in 2011.

**Organizing committee:**

Einar Petterson, history of art

Ingrid Rowland, classics & history of art

Antonella de Michelis, architectural history

Arthur Molella, history of science and technology

The symposium is organized in the following sessions:

**1) Political science / sociology / psychology**

**2) Philosophy/History of Ideas**

**3) History**

**4) History of Science/technology**

**5) Architecture, urban planning and design**

**6) Utopian architecture in the Islamic world**

**7) Art history**

**8) Literature**

**9) Gender studies**

**10) Film/Cinema/TV**

**Total: 28 lectures à 30. min. plus 15. min. for discussion.**

**Orange = means the lecturer will unfortunately not be able to attend.  
Someone will read his lecture.**

## **Utopia symposium.**

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#### **Thursday, 6th May**

##### **Morning session**

8:00-8:30

*Coffee*

8:30

Introduction: Einar Petterson

**Political science, sociology, psychology**

**Chair:** Peter Seyferth

09:00–9.30

Lecture 1

**Dan Mills, PhD candidate, Georgia State University**

*Internalizing the External: The Adverse Psychological Effects of Utopian Societies*

9.45-10:15

Lecture 2

**Dr. Victor S. Vakhshayn, Dean of sociology and political science  
department, Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences**

Defining “utopia” from microsociological perspective: utopian rationality,  
heterotopian space and everyday practice

10.30-11.00

Lecture 3

**Peter Seyferth, Research Associate/Fellow, Section for Political Theory and  
Philosophy, Section for Empirical Theory of Politics, Geschwister-Scholl-  
Institute (GSI) for Political Science, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU)  
Munich**

*Homo Economicus and Homo Utopicus: a Synthesis*

11:15-11:45

**Coffee break**

**Philosophy and History of Ideas**

**Chair:** Panos Dimas

11:45-12:15

Lecture 4

**Panos Dimas, prof. UiO and director of the Norwegian Institute in Athens**

*Myth and theory in the Republic and Timaeus*

12:30-13:00

Lecture 5

**Ionut Untea, doctoral candidate at Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (EPHE), Paris**

*Thomas Hobbes's Political Eschatology: Against Utopian and Millenarian Visions*

13.15-14:30

**Lunch break**

## **Thursday, 6th May**

### **Afternoon session**

#### **History**

**Chair:** Adam Jortner

14.30–15.00

Lecture 6

**Adam Jortner, Assistant Professor of American History, Auburn University**

*A Utopia of Ghosts: Spirit Communication in American Shakerism, 1837-1853*

15.15–15.45

Lecture 7

**Dr. Ilaria de Seta, MPhil University College Cork, PhD Università di Napoli Federico II, Literary Historian**

*The concept of Utopia in the US based World Federalist Movement between 1940 and 1953*

16.00–16.30

**Coffee break**

#### **History of Science and technology**

**Chair:** Arthur Molella

16:30-17:00

Lecture 8

**Bradley W. Hart, PhD candidate, Cambridge University**

**(Unfortunately Bradley had to cancel at last moment. Some one else will read his paper for him. He will reply to questions by podcast.)**

*Utopian Biology: Eugenics and the Promise of a Better Future*

17:15-17:45

Lecture 9

**Matthew Wilhelm Kapell, PhD candidate, American Studies, Department of Political and Cultural Studies, Swansea University, Wales**

*Gerard K O'Neill's "High Frontier" as a Technological Frontier Utopia: Confronting Limits to Growth and other "Models of Doom."*

#### **Architecture, urban planning and design**

18:00

Lecture 10

**Einar Petterson, Professor of art history, University in Oslo**

*Hendrik Christian Andersen's "World City of Communication"*

**Reception (19:15-20:30)**

**Friday, 7th May**  
**Morning session**

08:00-8:30

*Coffee*

**Architecture, urban planning and design**

Chair: Einar Petterson and Antonella de Michelis

8.30-9.00

Lecture 11

**Dr. Antonella De Michelis, University of California Rome Study Center**

*Translating Utopia: The Garbatella, an 'English' garden suburb in Rome*

**Chair:** Einar Petterson and Antonella de Michelis

9.15-9.45

Lecture 12

**Dr. Arthur Molella, The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC**

*Re-inventing Eden: Italy's Techno-cittá.*

10:00-10:30

**Coffee break**

10:30-11:00

Lecture 13

**AnnMarie Brennan, Lecturer University of Melbourne, Australia**

*A Genealogy of Branding: The Industrial Utopia of Adriano Olivetti*

11:15-11:45

Lecture 14

**Carlotta Darò, Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow Art History and Communication Studies. McGill University**

*Networked City: Utopian Visions for the Twentieth Century*

12.00-13:30

**Lunch break**

**Friday, 7th May**  
**Afternoon session**

13.30-14:00

Lecture 15

**Meredith L Miller, Fellow in Architecture, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, The University of Michigan**

*Infrastructures of Utopias: The Biosphere II*

14.15-14.45

Lecture 16

**Dr. Mina Marefat, Mina Marefat, PhD, (MIT), architect, Design Research and Georgetown University faculty, Communications, Culture & Technology**

*Paradise Lost or Imagining Eden: Frank Lloyd Wright's Baghdad*

15:00-15.30

Lecture 17

**Dr Zeynep Aygen. Course leader of MSc Historic Building Conservation at the University of Portsmouth**

*Virtuous City versus City Beautiful Urban Utopias from the Standpoint of Muslim Thinkers*

15:45-16:15

**Coffee break**

**Utopian architecture in the Islamic world**

**Chair:** Dr. Zeynep Aygen and/or Dr. Roya Marefat

16:15-16.45

Lecture 18

Lecture 19

**Dr. Roya Marefat, PhD Harvard, Historian of Islamic art and architecture**

*Timurid Utopia*

**21:00 Dinner for lecturers**

**Monzú Vladi. L'Antica Taverna Borbonica a Roma**

Piazza San Giovanni della Malva, 2

00153 ROMA (Trastevere)

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Piazza San Giovanni della Malva is located in Trastevere between Ponte Sisto and Via Garibaldi at the corner of the Piazza which borders on Via Benedetta.

**Saturday, 8th May**  
**Morning session**

8:00-8:30

**Coffee**

**Art history**

Chair: Ingrid Rowland and Einar Petterson

08.30–9.00

Lecture 19

**Ingrid Rowland, Professor, Notre-Dame University, Rome**

*The Utopian Rome of Alexander VII (1655-1667)*

9.15–9.45

Lecture 20

**Jasmin W. Cyril, Associate Professor, Benedict College, Columbia, SC**

*Ambrogio Lorenzetti's "Allegory of Good Government in the City, 1338-9". Sala dei Nove, Palazzo Pubblico, Siena – Paradigm of Late Medieval Urban Cohesion*

10:00-10:30

**Coffee break**

**Literature**

Chair: Peter Carafioli

10.30–11.00

Lecture 21

**Peter Carafioli, Professor, English, Portland State University**

*Utopian narratives in this "American" vein*

11:15-11:45

Lecture 22

**Dr. Elana Gomel, Department of English and American Studies, Tel-Aviv University**

*The Darkness within: Utopian Spaces, Dystopian temporalities*

12.00–13:30

**Lunch break**

**Saturday, 8th May**

**Afternoon session**

13.30–14.00

Lecture 23

**Dr Zeynep Tuna Ultav, Assistant Professor, Izmir University of Economics**

*Utopia versus Dystopia: The Duality between metropolis and Garden City in The Ultimate City by J.G. Ballard*

14.15–14.45

Lecture 24

**Jamey Graham, PhD Candidate, Comparative Literature, Harvard University**

*Poetic license in the Essais of Montaigne*

15:00-15:30

**Coffee break**

**Gender studies**

**Chair:** Paola Di Cori & Dr. J. Edgar Bauer

15.30–16.00

Lecture 25

**Paola Di Cori, Lecturer in Cultural Studies and Gender Studies at the University of Urbino.**

*Utopianism in Contemporary Italian Feminism*

16.15–16.45

Lecture 26

**Dr. J. Edgar Bauer, Former Professor at the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Study, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, and at the Jain Vishva Bharati University, Ladnun, Rajasthan, India**

*Fourier, Hirschfeld, Mieli: Nature and the Utopian Disclosures of Androgyny*

17.00-17:30

**Coffee break**

**Film/Cinema/TV**

**Chair:** Einar Petterson and Mathew Kapell

17:30–18:00

Lecture 27

**Natalia Samutina, Institute for theoretical and historical studies in the humanities (IGITI), Senior research fellow, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia**

*Utopia as Excess and Attraction: “New Moscow” by Alexander Medvedkin and Utopian Imagery in Cinema*

18:15-18:45

Lecture 28

**Marie Lottmann, PhD candidate, Universität Giessen, Germany**

*Televised Utopia? New Science Fiction Television Series*

**Refreshments**