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The Life and Legacy of Isaiah Berlin

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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2017

10:00-10:30  Introduction (Steven Smith and Joshua Cherniss)
10:30-12:30  Berlin’s “Anti-Procrusteanism”: Philosophy and the Human Sciences
  NAOMI CHOI “Berlin, Analytic Philosophy, and the Revival of Political Philosophy”
  JONATHAN ALLEN “The Philosophy of History and the Human Sciences: The Critique of Positivism and Determinism”
12:30-1:30 Lunch
1:30-3:30  “The Sense of Reality”: Political Judgment and Historical Understanding
  JOSHUA CHERNISS “Berlin on Political Judgment and Political Leadership”
  RYAN PATRICK HANLEY “Berlin on the Nature and Purpose of the History of Ideas”
3:30-4:00 Coffee
4:00-6:00  Berlin’s Encounter with Politics and Critique of Marxism
  AURELIAN CRAIUTU “Berlin on Marx and Marxism”
  IAN SHAPIRO “Negative Freedom and the Cold War”

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2017

9:30-11:30  The Importance of Roots: Berlin’s Russian and Jewish Identities
  KATHLEEN PARTHÉ “Privileged Access: Isaiah Berlin and Russian Thought”
  FANIA OZ-SALZBERGER “Nationalism, the Modern Jewish Condition, and Zionism”
11:30-12:30 Lunch
12:30-2:30  Learning from the Enemy? Romanticism, the Counter-Enlightenment, and the Reconstruction of Liberalism
  GINA GUSTAVSSON “Berlin, Romanticism and Liberalism”
  STEVEN B. SMITH “Isaiah Berlin on the Enlightenment and Counter-Enlightenment”
2:30-3:00 Coffee
3:00-5:00  Pluralism and Liberalism: Berlin’s Contested Legacy
  GEORGE CROWDER “Pluralism, Relativism, and Moral Theory”
  WILLIAM GALSTON “Liberal Nationalism, Liberal Pluralism: The Political Thought of Isaiah Berlin”
5:00-6:00  Concluding Remarks
  HENRY HARDY