

# Programs for past Classical Liberal Summer Seminars

## 1<sup>st</sup> Seminar 2015

**Classical liberal thought and heritage continues to inspire discussion and debate in our time. The basic ideas of a free society and freedom to act as individuals are reinvented and discovered by every new generation and scholarly inquiry. In our time, where governments seem to gain more power, are asked to answer many dilemmas in modern societies, and where individual liberty is put under strain, the classical liberal heritage is important to understand.**

This summer a Classical Liberal Summer Seminar is arranged at *Christinehof's Castle* in Skåne, Brösarp. The Castle, built in the 1730s and the scene for a successful private enterprise in industry and forestry ever since, offers a splendid environment to connect to the classic message of freedom and liberty, as seen through an 18-19<sup>th</sup> century perspective.

More information on Christinehof Castle here: <http://christinehofsekopark.se/>

Discussions were arranged through a three-day seminar including themes like:

- Adam Smith's *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*
- Some Themes in Classical Liberal Thought
- The Swedish 1809 Constitution as a 19<sup>th</sup> century liberal project
- Knut Wicksell – a radical liberal
- Eli Heckscher – an uncompromising market liberal
- Eric Gustaf Geijer – political theory and liberal sociology in 19<sup>th</sup> century Sweden

Discussions were be led by:

- Professor Daniel Klein, George Mason University and Ratio Institute
- Professor Emeritus Lars Jonung, Lund University
- Professor Benny Carlsson, Lund University
- Dr Björn Hasselgren, KTH Royal Institute of Technology

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Seminar 2016

Discussions were be arranged through a three-day seminar including themes like:

- Adam Smith's The Theory of Moral Sentiments
- David Hume and Adam Smith as proto-Darwinians
- Eli Heckscher – on Mercantilism – on the construction of an economic era
- Carl Linnaeus – path breaking natural scientist but also a political economist
- Erik Gustaf Geijer – political theory and liberal sociology in 19th century Sweden
- The Viennese Students of Civilization – interwar Vienna and beyond

Discussions were be led by:

- Professor Daniel Klein, George Mason University and Ratio Institute
- Professor Lars Magnusson, Uppsala University
- Assistant Professor Erwin Dekker, Rotterdam University
- Professor Benny Carlson, Lund University
- Dr. Björn Hasselgren

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Seminar 2017

From 2017 the **Classical Liberal Summer Seminar** has been arranged at the **Sigtuna Foundation** (Sigtunastiftelsen) [www.sigtunastiftelsen.se/en/](http://www.sigtunastiftelsen.se/en/)

The Seminar discussions were, as earlier, arranged through a two and a half-day seminar including themes like:

- Classical Liberalism “Liberalism 1.0”
- Adam Smith and the *Humean Irony About Science*  
Illustrated by the History of Astronomy
- Max Weber’s *Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*  
The basis for liberal thought
- Eric Gustaf Geijer  
Lutheranism as the basis for Republican and Liberal development
- Free speech and liberal values in 18th Sweden  
Peter Forsskål – Linnean disciple and liberal tribune
- Philosophical Pictures And Unclassifiable Images In Art  
On Iris Murdoch’s view on how we can make ourselves morally better.

Discussions were be led by:

- Daniel Klein, Professor, George Mason University and Ratio Institute
- Erik Matson, PhD student, George Mason University
- Lotta Stern, Associate professor, Stockholm University
- Björn Hasselgren, PhD, Timbro and Uppsala University
- Johan Hirschfeldt, President of Svea Court of Appeal (Svea Hovrätt)

## 4<sup>th</sup> Seminar 2018

June 26-28 2018 at the Sigtuna Foundation

Here the reading list:

- **Björn Hasselgren** “*Hegel’s critique of the liberal theory of rights*”

Smith, S. B. (1989) *Hegel’s Critique of Liberalism*, (Chapter 3), Rights in Context, University of Chicago press. (pdf)

Steven Smith’s Yale Political Philosophy lectures, here on Locke’s principle of natural law, as a reference point to the Hegel text: <https://oyc.yale.edu/political-science/plsc-114/lecture-15>

- **Erik Hammar** “*Liberalism and the necessity of Identity*”

MacIntyre, A. (2007) *After Virtue*. 3rd Edition. London: University of Notre Dame Press,. Chapters 1, 2 and 5 (pp. 1-22; 51-61) [also published in paperback by Bloomsbury] Optional reading (pdfs provided):

Hinchman, L., 'Virtue or Autonomy: Alasdair MacIntyre's Critique of Liberal Individualism', *Polity*, Vol. 21, No. 4 (Summer, 1989), pp. 635-654

Nozick, R. (1974) *Anarchy, State, and Utopia*. New York: Basic Books, Part 3.

Taylor, C. (1989) *Sources of the Self: The Making of the Modern Identity*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, Part 1.

- **Johan Wennström** “*How to combine classical liberalism and conservatism? Is it possible?*”

Yuval Levine (2014) *The Great Debate – Edmund Burke, Thomas Paine, and the Birth of Right and Left* (paperback edition Basic Books)

Additional papers to be added

- **Daniel Klein** “*Postmodernism and classical liberalism*”

Excerpts of Booth, W C (1974) *Modern Dogma and the Rhetoric of Assent*, University of Chicago Books (pdf)

Optional reading: McCloskey D (1983) The Rethoric of Economics, *Journal of Economic Literature*, Vol. 21, No. 2 (Jun., 1983), pp. 481-517 (pdf)

- **Erik Matson** “*Smith’s attitude towards Acquisitiveness*”

Paper will be available by early June

- **Blaz Remic** "*Montesquieu's concept of Freedom*"

Montesquieu: The spirit of laws (Book XI and Book XII) <http://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/montesquieu-complete-works-vol-1-the-spirit-of-laws>

Isaiah Berlin: "Two concepts of liberty"

[http://cactus.dixie.edu/green/B\\_Readings/I\\_Berlin%20Two%20Concpets%20of%20Liberty.pdf](http://cactus.dixie.edu/green/B_Readings/I_Berlin%20Two%20Concpets%20of%20Liberty.pdf)

Vincent Ostrom: "Toward a science of citizenship in democratic systems of order" (in The meaning of democracy and the vulnerability of democracies: A response to Tocqueville's challenge)

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/imf8vu2jcxgcx6u/Ostrom%20-%20Toward%20a%20science%20of%20citizenship%20in%20democratic%20systems%20of%20order.pdf?dl=0#>

- **Lotta Stern** "*Hans Zetterberg – a classical liberal sociologist*"

Zetterberg, Hans:

"Using Societal Realms in Sociological Analysis"

"Media, Opinion, and the Spiral of Silence"

"The Will to Work and the Invisible Contract"

- **Rutger van Bergem** "*(German) Romanticism in a dialectic conversation with Classical Liberalism*"

**Wilhelm Von Humboldt**, *The Sphere and Duties of Government (The Limits of State Action)*

Paperback version (2017), Pantianos Classics

<http://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/humboldt-the-sphere-and-duties-of-government-1792-1854>

'Roots of romanticism' lecture by I. Berlin in the audio form:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0snaamkYDcg>

## 5<sup>th</sup> Seminar 2019

June 7 – 9 2019 at the Sigtuna Foundation

Below the reading list:

- **Andrew Humphries** *What Was Natural Jurisprudence? Examining the Scots*

Humphries, A., (2019) (Early Draft:) *What Was Natural Jurisprudence? Examining Adam Smith and His Predecessors at Glasgow*, George Mason University

- **Dylan DelliSanti** *Moral Innovation and the Man Within the Breast*

DelliSanti, D., (2019) *Moral Innovation and the Man Within the Breast*

- **Brent Orrell** *How Adam Smith's Theory of Moral Sentiments Might Bridge the Conservative/Libertarian Divide*

Orrell, B., *A Sympathetic Liberty Can the Theory of Moral Sentiments Help Heal the Conservative – Libertarian Divide?*

- **Dan Klein** *Cohesionism*

Klein, D., B., (2016) *Cohesionism*. GMU Econ and Mercatus

- **Björn Hasselgren** *Hegel's Elements of the Philosophy of Right – an introduction and reflection*

Beiser, F., C., (1992) *Enlightenment, Revolution and Romanticism*, Chpt 1, Harvard university Press, USA.

Hegel, G., W., F., (1821) *Table of Contents: Elements of the Philosophy of Right*

Wood, A., W., (1991) *Editor's Introduction to Hegel's Elements of the Philosophy of Right*, Cambridge University Press, UK.

- **Michael Clark** *The Solonic Adam Smith: A Liberal Regard for Prevailing Prejudice*

Clark, M., J., *The Solonic Adam Smith: A Liberal Regard for Prevailing Prejudice*

- **Jon Murphy** *The Economist as the Impartial Spectator: Reconsidering Welfare Economics*

Murphy, J., (2019) *Is the operationalization of an Efficiency Criterion Ever Precise and Straightforward?* George Mason University

- **Caspian Rehbinder** *The Art of Liberal Politics: Swedish Labour Migration Reform*

Rehbinder, C., (2019) *The art of liberal politics - Swedish labour migration reform in the 21st century*

Additional reading:

Linda Berg, L., & Spehar, S., (2013) *Swimming against the tide: why Sweden supports increased labour mobility within and from outside the EU*, *Policy Studies*, 34:2, 142-161, DOI:

[10.1080/01442872.2013.767585](https://doi.org/10.1080/01442872.2013.767585)

Calleman, C., (2015) The most open system among OECD countries - Swedish regulation of labour migration, *NJMR*, 5(1), pp. 28-35

- **Lotta Stern** *Swedish Labor Law and Lon Fuller*

Lon L. Fuller (1969) Human Interaction and the Law. *The American Journal of Jurisprudence*. Volume 14: 1-36

Lon L. Fuller (1955) Freedom - A Suggested Analysis. *Harvard Law Review*. 68 (8): 1305-1325.

- **Pavel Kuchar** *Liberalism in Mexican Economic Thought, Past and Present*

Kuchar, P. (2016) Liberalism in Mexican Economic Thought, Past and Present, *Econ Journal Watch*, 13(1) January 2016: pp. 129–167.