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A Two Day Objectivist Conference  
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## SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

### George Walsh: Rousseau and the Collectivist Concept of Freedom (two lectures)

In these lectures, Dr. Walsh will discuss the vital historical importance of Rousseau as the thinker mainly responsible for preventing the "Anglo-Saxon" concept of freedom in its Lockean form from taking root on the continent of Europe. In place of the Lockean concept, Rousseau substituted another one worked out with incredible subtlety and often using the same terms, with the result that many European advocates of freedom were led to think he was an improvement on Locke. Rousseau's ideas were carried into Germany and exercised considerable influence on Kant and the early German nationalists. Eventually they emerged in the "German" concept of freedom which lay at the basis of Marxism, fascism and welfare-statism. The emphasis in the lectures will be on the logical structure of Rousseau's political philosophy as developed in the Discourse on the Origin of Inequality and the Social Contract, but this structure itself will be explained in such a way that its historical impact will be clear.

Dr. Walsh is Professor of Philosophy at Salisbury State College in Salisbury, Maryland. He is the author of "Herbert Marcuse, Philosopher of the New Left" in The Objectivist.

### David Kelley: The Nature of Free Will (two lectures)

These lectures will discuss free will, with particular emphasis on the relation between choice and causality. Topics include: the nature of the choice to focus one's mind, the validation of free will, its relation to the law of causality, and its biological role--the emergence of volition as a control mechanism in a brain that has acquired the capacity to think conceptually.

Dr. Kelley has published articles on perception, concepts, and property rights in professional journals of philosophy. He is the author of The Evidence of the Senses.

### John Ridpath: The Philosophic Basis of Money (one lecture)

This lecture will examine the philosophic roots of money and the twentieth century denial of those roots. Discussion will include: the objective basis for the value of money; the requirements for money; why gold and silver evolved to serve the function of money; the value of money to man; what threat to man the denial of the philosophic basis of money presents.

Dr. Ridpath is Associate Professor of Economics and of Intellectual History at York University in Toronto, Canada.

### M. Northrup Buechner: The Modern Business Cycle (two lectures)

These lectures will explain how government manipulation of the money supply causes the business cycle. Discussion will include: how faster growth of the money supply temporarily causes rising national employment, production, and income; why faster growth of the money supply eventually must raise the rate of price inflation; why the effect on prices takes longer than the effect on employment and how this makes the business cycle politically expedient; how rising prices reveal bad investments; how slowing down the growth of the money supply causes recessions; the two ways to recover from a recession and why politicians consistently choose the wrong one.

Dr. Buechner is Associate Professor of Economics at St. John's University in New York City.

Edwin Locke: Why Modern Intellectuals are Hostile to the Concept of Evil (one lecture)

Dr. Locke will examine the premises held by contemporary psychologists (and many other intellectuals) that lead them to deny the existence of evil, insisting instead that all people are automatically good unless circumstances make them otherwise; that all people are morally equal; that all people are open to reason. The result is a denial of the existence of deliberate malice: the desire of some people to harm innocent victims. These premises include: moral relativism; egalitarianism; determinism; fear of physical reality; and the desire to feel efficacious. Also discussed will be the practical consequences of the denial of evil(eg. negotiating with the Soviets).

Dr. Locke is Professor of Business Management and of Psychology at the University of Maryland. He is internationally known in the field of Industrial/Organizational Psychology, especially for his work in goal setting and job attitudes.

PRICES

The fee for the conference is \$140 if paid by September 7; \$160 if paid after September 7 and prior to October 18. A price of \$170 will apply at the door, subject to seating availability.

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LOCATION

The Constellation Hotel, 900 Dixon Road, Toronto, Ont., The Saturn Room. The Hotel is located one mile west of HWY. 401, on the north side of Dixon Road, five minutes from the Toronto airport.( If you wish to stay at the hotel, limited space is available at the rates of \$101 for a single room and \$113 for a double room. Call the hotel at 1-800-268-4838. Please identify yourself as a conference attendee)

TIME

Registration will begin at 8:30 A.M. The first lecture will begin at 9:00 A.M. The conference will conclude at 5:00 P.M. each day.

RESERVATIONS

To take advantage of the discounts being offered, please fill out the form below, and send along with your check or money order.( Foreign registrants are requested to remit Canadian dollars in the form of an international money order.)

Enclosed is my check or money order in the amount of \$140(if paid before September 7,1986), or \$160 (if paid thereafter) as payment for The Portland Institute Fall 1986 conference.

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