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Call for Abstracts

Workshop in Applied Philosophy
Global Justice and Ethics of Exclusion

Northeastern University, Boston, MA, September 28-30, 2012

Keynote Address by Joseph Carens (University of Toronto)

Questions around inclusion and exclusion are increasingly central to discussions of global justice. For example, what norms or moral principles ought to be used to determine political membership? What, if anything, do citizens of democracies owe to people who are forced to leave their home countries (refugees, stateless people, etc.)? Is exclusion a necessary feature of contemporary political life or can we imagine a different kind of community? What are the implications of globalization for norms of inclusion and exclusion?

This workshop will consider new research on these topics and will bring together ethicists, philosophers, and others working on theoretical issues related to global justice and the ethics of exclusion. The workshop is designed to provide speakers with constructive feedback from colleagues working on related issues.

We invite the submission of abstracts (no more than 750 words) from researchers working on theoretical topics related to the ethics of exclusion. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Ethical issues related to refugees, asylum seekers, economic migrants, the forcibly displaced
- The ethics of political membership and immigration
- Ontological and existential dimensions of statelessness
- Sovereignty and the ethics of exclusion
- Religious ethics on hospitality and "welcoming the stranger"
- Gender, race, and/or disability as categories of global exclusion
- The ethics of humanitarianism and "humanitarian repression"
- Theoretical work on political membership, democracy, and the bases for inclusion/exclusion

Please email submissions (and questions) to Serena Parekh (s.parekh@neu.edu).

The abstract submission deadline is May 1st, 2012. Abstracts will be reviewed by a program committee. Those selected for the program will be asked to submit completed papers *one month prior* to the workshop, and papers will be made available to workshop participants on the workshop website. Papers can be of any length, but speakers will be limited to twenty-five minutes to present their ideas, followed by thirty minutes of discussion. For more information about the workshop go to <http://www.northeastern.edu/ethics/workshop/>