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PTP
**POLITICAL
THEORY PROJECT**

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

DISAGREEMENT: LOGIC AND POLITICS

December 10TH, 2013

h. 10:00 - 18:00

ROOM 27
Faculty of Political, Economic and Social Sciences
via Conservatorio 7, Milano

PROGRAM

h. 10:00 - 13:00   MORNING SESSION

Chair **Franca D'Agostini** *Università degli Studi di Milano – Politecnico di Torino*

Self-Deception and Disagreement
Graham G. Priest *City University of New York – University of Melbourne – University of St. Andrews*

Remarks on Logic and Rational Inquiry, and Ramifications for Disagreement
JC Beall *University of Connecticut*

Discussants **Elena Ficara** *Universität Paderborn*
                Sebastiano Moruzzi *Università di Bologna – COGITO Research Centre*

h. 15:00 - 18:00   AFTERNOON SESSION

Chair **Eleonora Montuschi** *LSE – Università Ca' Foscari Venezia*

Discussive Contradictions. A Dialetheist Approach to Political Disagreement
Franca D'Agostini *Università degli Studi di Milano – Politecnico di Torino*

Is Political Disagreement Meaningful?
Antonella Besussi *Università degli Studi di Milano*

Discussants **Giulia Bistagnino** *Centro Einaudi – Torino*
                Daniele Porello *Laboratory of Applied Ontology, ISTC, CNR – Trento*

Outline and Purposes

Disagreement is certainly a prominent feature of political life. Disagreement also represents a challenge for normative political theory. If taken seriously, and acknowledged as a normatively relevant fact, disagreement prompts at least two orders of tough questions. On the one hand, how is it possible to justify institutions, laws and policies given the presence of deep disagreements springing from conflicting religious, moral and philosophical conceptions? On the other, on the background of similar disagreements, how should public discussion and political deliberation be regulated, which principles should govern them? The answer to both questions seems to require a preliminary inquiry into the very notion of disagreement, an inquiry aimed at making sense of what it is to disagree.

The purpose of the workshop is to investigate disagreement, evaluative disagreement in particular, on the basis of insights from both logic and political philosophy. More precisely, the workshop is aimed at elucidating the logical structure of disagreement with a view to understand more precisely what is at stake in disagreements on normative issues and to clarify the source of the pervasiveness of disagreement in politics.