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9:15-9:30 Welcome and Opening

FIRST SESSION:
LAW, MORALITY, INTERPRETATION

9:30-10:15 STEPHEN R. PERRY
(School of Law, University of Pennsylvania, USA)
Legitimate Authority, Political Obligation, and the Sources of Law

10:15-11:00 KENNETH E. HIMMA
(Department of Philosophy, Seattle Pacific University, USA)
A New Relation between Law and Morality: Must Law Be Interpreted as Moral Directives?

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:15 VITTORIO VILLA
(Faculty of Law, University of Palermo, Italy)
Legal Interpretation and Inclusive Legal Positivism

12:15-13:00 RAYMOND WACKS
(Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong, China)
Injustice in Robes: Iniquity and Judicial Accountability

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:15 NICOS STAVROPOULOS
(Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, UK)
The Relevance of Coercion

15:15-16:00 CHRISTOPHER L. KUTZ
(School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, USA)
The Abhorrence of Secret Law

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17:15 GIORGIO BONGIOVANNI, ANTONINO ROTOLE, CORRADO ROVERSI and CHIARA VALENTINI
(CIRSFID and Faculty of Law, University of Bologna, Italy)
The Grammar of Social Practices and the Connection between Law and Morality

17:15-18:00 MATTHEW N. SMITH
(Department of Philosophy, Yale University, USA)

19:00 Dinner

TUESDAY, 13 MAY 2008

SECOND SESSION:
LEGAL VALIDITY AND LEGAL EPISTEMOLOGY

9:30-10:15 SCOTT J. SHAPIRO
(School of Law, University of Michigan, USA)
Is Inclusive Legal Positivism Founded on a Mistake?

10:15-11:00 JOSÉ JUAN MORESO
(Faculty of Law, University Pompeu Fabra, Spain)
Legal Positivism and Legal Disagreement

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:15 GIOVANNI SARTOR
(European University Institute - CIRSFID and Faculty of Law, University of Bologna, Italy)
Concept of Validity and Criteria for Validity: Inclusiveness, Normativity, and Reflectivity

12:15-13:00 GEORGE PAVLAKOS
(Faculty of Law, University of Antwerp, Belgium)
Law, Principles and the Agent’s Point of View

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:15 DAMIANO CANALE
(Faculty of Law, Bocconi University, Italy)
Consequences of Pragmatic Conceptualism

15:15-16:00 CHRISTIAN DAHLMAN
(Faculty of Law, University of Lund, Sweden)
If You Want to Play the Game, You Have to Do This - On Legal Obligations and Legal Ought

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17:15 MATTHEW H. KRAMER
(Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge, UK)
Is Law’s Conventionality Consistent with Its Objectivity?

17:15 Conclusions

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