SPINOZA: REASON, RELIGION AND POLITICS
The relation between the Ethics and the Theological-Political Treatise

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ALL SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN MARX HALL, ROOM 301 ON THE CAMPUS OF PRINCETON UNIVERSITY.

FRIDAY, MAY 5
9:00AM: Coffee

9:30AM: Piet Steenbakkers (Utrecht University)
Parallel Masterpieces: Intertextuality in Spinoza’s Ethica and Tractatus theologico-politicus

10:30AM: Mogens Laerke (CNRS and ENS-Lyon)
Common Notions in Ethics and the TTP

11:30AM: E.M. Curley (University of Michigan)
Laws of Nature in the Ethics and the TTP

12:30-1:30PM: Lunch

1:30PM: Emanuela Scribano (Università Ca’Foscari, Venice)
Miracles and Finalism. From the TTP to Ethics

2:30PM: Kristin Primus (University of California, Berkeley)
On Certain Adventitious Ideas: Revelation and Intuition

3:30-4:00PM: Coffee

4:00PM: Donald Rutherford (University of California, San Diego)
The Ethics of the Theological-Political Treatise

5:00PM: Steven Nadler (University of Wisconsin, Madison)
The Ethics as a Theological-Political Treatise

6:00PM: Cocktail reception
SATURDAY, MAY 6
9:00AM: Coffee

9:30AM: Jonathan Israel (Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton)
Where is the collective morality in Spinoza's ethics? Connecting Spinoza's 'Ethics' Part Five to his Political Philosophy

10:30AM: Andrea Sangiacomo (University of Groningen)
Is wonder a remedy against the passions? Spinoza’s struggling with Descartes’ legacy in the Theological-Political Treatise and in the Ethics

11:30AM: Michael Rosenthal (University of Washington)
Sovereign Decisions: The Will and the Law in the Ethics and the TTP

12:30-1:30PM: Lunch

1:30PM: Theo Verbeek (University of Utrecht)
Divine Law in the TTP and Ethics

2:30PM: Oded Schechter (University of Hamburg)
Obedience and Revelation in the TTP and in Spinoza’s mature philosophy (Ethics and TP)

3:30-4:00PM: Coffee

4:00PM: Pina Totaro (ILIESI and University of Rome “La Sapienza”)
Littera and Spiritus: On the Relationship between the Tractatus Theologico-politicus and the Ethics

5:00PM: Julie Klein (Villanova University)
Knowers and Learners: Spinozan Pedagogy

SUNDAY, MAY 7
9:30AM: Coffee

10:00AM: Yitzhak Melamed (Johns Hopkins University)
Spinoza’s ‘Atheism’

11:00AM: Daniel Garber (Princeton University)
Spinoza’s Many Gods

12:00PM: Russ Leo (Princeton University)
Thomas Hobbes, the English Restoration, and the International Audience for Spinoza’s Tractatus Theologico-Politicus

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