

**Michael Oakeshott on Ethics and Reason**  
**International Conference at Friedrich Schiller University Jena**  
**December, 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Program**

*Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007*

Opening Addresses

18:00-18:15      Klaus Dicke (Rector, FSU Jena)

18:15-18:30      Martyn P. Thompson (President of MOA)

Speech

18:30-19:30      Jürgen Gebhardt (Erlangen): Political Philosophers Confront  
the Crisis of their Time

*Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007*

Panel 1: Practical Reasoning

9:00-10:00      Wendell John Coats (Connecticut): Practical Implications of  
Oakeshott's Poetic Conception of Human Experience

10:00-11:00      Matthias Riedl (Budapest): Oakeshott's "Political Education"  
Reconsidered

11:00-12:00      Rainer Schmidt (Dresden): On Experience and Judgement –  
Oakeshott's Critique of the Modern Social Sciences

12:00-13:30      Lunch break

13:30-15:00      Judith A. Swanson (Boston): Prudence and Human Conduct. A  
Comparison of Aristotle and Oakeshott

Silviya Lechner (München): Morality and History in the  
Construction of Political Institutions

15:00-15:30      Coffee break

15:30-16:30      Stuart Isaacs (London): Language-games and Modes of Practice

Panel 2: Oakeshott and German Contemporaries

16:30-17:30      Efraim Podoksik (Jerusalem): Towards to and Away from  
Practical Experience: The Old Georg Simmel and the Young  
Michael Oakeshott

17:30-18:00      Coffee break

18:00-19:00      Michael Großheim (Rostock): The Primacy of Practice and the  
Limits of Theory: Oakeshott and Heidegger

19:00-20:00      Michael Becker (Mainz): Arendt and Oakeshott on Political  
Deliberation

*Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007*

- 9:00-10:00 Clemens Kauffmann (Erlangen): Michael Oakeshott and Leo Strauss
- 10:00-11:00 Kenneth B. McIntyre (Danville): Prejudice, Tradition, and the Critique of Ideology: Gadamer and Oakeshott on Practical Reason
- 11:00-12:00 Hans Jörg Hennecke (Duisburg): Experience and Evolution. Oakeshott and Hayek on the Presumption of Rationalism
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch break

Panel 3: Challenges of Modern Politics

- 13:30-14:30 Suvi Soininen (Jyväskylä): The Difference of Power and Authority. Does it Matter for Modern Politics?
- 14:30-16:00 Steven Gerencser (South Bend): Civis or Gentleman? Towards the Civil Condition in a Liberal Democracy  
Peter Finn (Kenosha): Civil Association and War
- 16:00-16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30-17:30 Alexia Redini (Lucca): Liberty in a Multicultural Europe
- 17:30-18:30 Ferenc Horcher (Piliscsaba): An Oakeshottian Perspective on the European Values

The conference takes place at the Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena,  
Hauptgebäude (main building), Senatssaal, Fürstengraben 1