

# LE PRINTEMPS ARABE ET LA PHILOSOPHIE POLITIQUE

## Responsables

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## Descriptif

Il y a des développements politiques majeurs qui s'accompagnent d'une réflexion de haut niveau – les révolutions anglaise, américaine et française. Il y en a qui se déroulent sans une telle réflexion – la « construction » de l'Union Européenne. A quelle catégorie appartiendra le Printemps arabe ? Le but de cet atelier est de considérer le Printemps arabe du point de vue de la philosophie politique et sociale, de la philosophie du droit et de la théorie politique et sociologique.

Recent events in the Arab and muslim world present a number of challenges to political theory and philosophy, normative and non-normative. A small selection from a long and growing list includes: When is a revolt a coup d'état or a revolution ? What is, might and should be the relation between liberal and religious nationalisms ? The relation between the attractions of, the growth of and the imposition of liberty and democracy ? The relation between the relative absence of legal recognition of corporate persons and the way power is exercised ? What is the relevance of the recent influential turn towards human rights and of criticisms thereof to the understanding of the transitions now taking place ? How might and should property rights be institutionalised ? What is and should be the rôle of honour in political philosophy ? – Although recent events present a number of challenges to political theory and philosophy cultivation of the latter is also the best hope for understanding the current transitions. It has often been pointed out that no theoretical or philosophical reflection commensurate with the creation of the EU has taken place. Will the same be said of the current events ?

The aim of the workshop is to discuss some of the questions mentioned and/or related questions. It follows the 2009 workshop « La démocratie et sa contextualisation », which brought together a number of Tunisian political philosophers as a part of the 5th triennial congress of the *Society for Analytic Philosophy* (SOPHA) in Geneva. Indeed it echoes the 1991 meeting „Social Justice : For and Against“ which brought together many young political philosophers from Eastern Europe in Geneva.