

# **Michael Oakeshott in a Time of Cultural Transformation**

## **The biennial conference of the Michael Oakeshott Association Colorado College Colorado Spring, Colorado March 27-30, 2025**

### **Schedule of Events:**

#### ***Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>***

Check in at The Antlers Hotel

5:15 PM: Shuttle to the college

5:30-7:00 PM: Opening reception & dinner, Bemis Hall on the Colorado College campus

7:30-9:00 PM: Keynote address by Wilfred McClay, “A Culture of Conversation: Oakeshott’s Prescription for the Renewal of Learning”: It is not a coincidence that the emptiness and aridity of so much of our era’s cultural and intellectual life comes at a moment when the arts and practices of conversation have become all but extinct. A restored and strengthened commitment to “free speech” would be a salutary improvement, but what would be far better is a commitment to the kind of mutuality and breadth that “free conversation” implies. Why is conversation so important a feature of our very humanity, and why did Oakeshott make it so central to his thinking? What can we learn from him today, to help us in the work of restoring and reorienting ourselves?

9:15 PM: Shuttle to The Antlers Hotel

#### ***Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>***

8 AM: Shuttle from The Antlers to the campus

8-9 AM: Continental breakfast at Bemis Hall

9-10 AM: Discussion of the keynote address

- Elizabeth Corey
- Ferenc Hörcher
- Mathis Bitton
- Russell Hittinger
- Chair: Ken McIntyre

10:15-11:45 AM: Panel 1—*Oakeshott and the World of Practice*

- Quinton Peralta-Greenough—‘Reconsidering Michael Oakeshott’s Development: Moving Toward a Fulsome Account of Human Conduct’
- Zoltán Pető—‘Being an Oakeshottian in a Rationalized World’
- Ken McIntyre—‘The Philosopher as Proteus: Oakeshott’s Epistemological and Practical Pluralism’
- Chair: Eric Kos

11:45-1:00 PM: Lunch

1:15-2:45 PM: Panel 2—*Oakeshott and the Modern State*

- Thomas Cheeseman—‘Of Tumults and Transitions: Oakeshott, Machiavelli, and the Moral Basis of the Modern State’
- Christopher Adair-Toteff—‘Oakeshott’s “The Rule of Law”’
- Attila Molnar—‘The Non-Sceptic Oakeshott on the Good Regime’
- Chair: Ken McIntyre

2:45-3:15 PM: Coffee break

3:30-5:00 PM: Panel 3—*Oakeshott and His Contemporaries I*

- Edmund Neill—‘Michael Oakeshott and Hannah Arendt on Action, Tradition, and Modernity’
- Gene Callahan—‘To Be Perpetually *en Voyage*: Michael Oakeshott and Eric Voegelin on the Nature of Philosophy’
- Jon Fennell—‘Everyone a Sailor: Oakeshott’s Affinity for the Polanyian Vision of Human Activity’
- Marco Andreacchio—‘The Crisis of Freedom in our Technocracy: Michael Oakeshott and Leo Strauss in Dialogue’
- Chair: Ferenc Hörcher

5:00-6:00PM: Cocktails

6:00-7:30 PM: Dinner

7:30-9:00 PM: Hospitality

9:15 PM: Shuttle to The Antlers

### ***Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>***

8 AM: Shuttle from The Antlers to the campus

8-9 AM: Continental breakfast at Bemis Hall

9:00-10:30 AM: Panel 4—*Oakeshott and His Contemporaries II*

- Ádám Lovász—‘Dewey and Oakeshott on Human Conduct: Politics after Culturalism and Naturalism’
- Shekhar Singh—‘On Richard Rorty’s and Michael Oakeshott’s Anti-foundationalism’
- Vicente Pozo Muñoz—‘Oakeshott and Rorty: A Difference of Disposition’
- David Corey—‘The Politics of Peace’
- Chair: Thomas Cheeseman

10:30-11 AM: Coffee break



11 AM-12:30 PM: Panel 5—*Oakeshott and The Contemporary Political Moment*

- John Coats—‘The Thought of Michael Oakeshott in a Time of Cultural Transformation: The Case of Generality and General Concepts in Political Life, Morality, and Education’
- Michael Henkel—‘Nemesis—The Transformation of Western Politics and the Fate of Our Western Civilization’
- James Alexander—‘Why Do We Talk about Oakeshott?’
- Chair: Paul Franco

12:30-1:45 PM: Lunch

2:00-3:30 PM: Panel 6—*Oakeshott on Science, Technology, and Art*

- Mathis Bitton—‘A Conservative of the Left: G.A. Cohen and Michael Oakeshott on Non-Instrumentality’
- Dean Ball—‘Oakeshott is All You Need: Liberalism and the Cognitive Revolution’
- Michael Adamo—‘The Development of Michael Oakeshott’s Poetics’
- Chair: Elizabeth Corey

4:00-5:00 PM: Open discussion, thoughts on the future

5:30 PM: Closing dinner

7:30 PM: Shuttle to The Antlers

***Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>***

Departure on individual schedules