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Wednesday

April 27, 2011

University of Iceland

Oddi 101

13.00 - 17.30

Thursday

April 28, 2011

University of Iceland

Háskólatorg 101

13.15 - 16.30

Hannah Arendt

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PROGRAM

- 13.00-13.15** **Opening: Sigríður Þorgeirsdóttir, Professor of Philosophy, University of Iceland.**
- 13.15-14.15** **Dieter Thomä, Professor of Philosophy, University of St. Gallen:** The Pursuit of Happiness, Republicanism, and the Moral Sense: Thinking with Arendt against Arendt.
- 14.15-15.15** **Susanne Lettow, Research Fellow, Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna:** On Economy. Re-reading Arendt in Times of Crisis.
- 15.15-15.30** Coffee break
- 15.30-16.30** **Dana R. Villa, Professor of Political Theory, University of Notre Dame:** The 'Autonomy of the Political' Reconsidered.
- 16.30-17.30** **Panel Discussion with the lecturers, Oddný Eir Ævarsdóttir, Writer and Philosopher, Robin May Schott, Senior Researcher, Danish Institute of International Studies, and Páll Skúlason, Professor of Philosophy, University of Iceland.**
- 17.30** Light refreshments

- 13.15-13.45** **Ulrika Björk:** Crisis, Politics and the Common World: Arendt and Husserl.
- 13.45-14.15** **Julia Honkasalo:** Empty Promises and mere Jargon? Arendt's Critique of Human Rights discourse.
- 14.15-14.45** **Robin May Schott:** Natality and the Harms of Genocide.
- 14.45-15.00** Coffee break
- 15.00-15.30** **Martina Reuter:** Arendt and the Justification of Civil Disobedience.
- 15.30-16.00** **Helgard Marhdt:** Judging is One, if not the Most, Important Activity in which this Sharing-of-the-World-with-Others Comes to Pass.
- 16.00-16.30** **Sigríður Þorgeirsdóttir:** Arendt and Nietzsche on Performative Politics in Times of Crisis.

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Introducing the first Icelandic translations of selected texts by Hannah Arendt

For Love of the World / Af ást til heimsins

This is a collection of Icelandic translations of essays by Hannah Arendt (1906—1975), one of the major political thinkers of the 20th century (University of Iceland Press, 2011). The selection of texts provides an introduction to main themes and topics of Arendt's political philosophy such as totalitarianism, evil, truth and lies in politics, human rights, and criticism of philosophies that uphold love of wisdom at the cost of love of the world. Sigríður Þorgeirsdóttir edits this collection and writes an introduction about the life and works of Arendt. She discusses Arendt's analysis of the crisis and possibilities of politics with reference to contemporary culture, in which politics is undermined by the power of financial elites and consumer society, but in which citizens also act up and form all kinds of movements in hopes of restoring dignity in politics.

