**BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY**

Minutes

AGM WED 21 April 2021

17:00-18:00

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

**1. Minutes of the previous AGM\***

\*Sent by email to all BSHP members for tacit approval.

Approved

**2. Matters arising**

In 2020, the BSHP proposed to create new funding outlets during Covid. The ambition has been met with additional funding round in December 2020 and the establishment of BSHP fellowships in February 2021:

i. BSHP Postgraduate Fellowship

As part of its response to the extraordinary hardship caused by Covid, the BSHP is offering 2 bursaries of £4000 each to Postgraduate Students of any nationality currently studying at UK higher education institutions or having accepted an offer from a UK higher education institution to start study in 2021-22. Each bursary is being offered as a one-off for a single academic year.

ii. BSHP Postdoctoral Fellowship

As part of its response to the extraordinary hardship caused by Covid, the BSHP is offering 2 bursaries of £6000 each to Early Career Researchers of any nationality currently resident in the UK. Each bursary is being offered as a one-off for a single academic year.

Applications are especially encouraged from ECRs from underrepresented groups, including candidates with disabilities, candidates from BAME backgrounds, and women.

**3. Election of management committee member**

Sophia Connell was coming to the end of her first term. She was re-nominated by Maria Rosa Antognazza, seconded by Mogens Lærke. Nomination communicated to all BSHP members by email. Reelection was decided.

**4. Upcoming elections**

Maria Rosa Antognazza notes that in April 2022, three MC members will end their second term. These include Jeremy Dunham (treasurer), Beth Lord (communications officer, administrator of the Rogers Prize), and Mark Sinclair. Members of the BSHP will be notified about the procedure for nominations in due course via the BSHP mailing list.

Regarding the replacement of society officers, Maria Rosa Antognazza has discussed replacement of Jeremy Dunham as treasurer with Katharine O’Reilly who has expressed willingness to deputize in 2021 and then take over the role from 2022, at which point another deputy treasurer will also be appointed, to deal in particular with the management of memberships.

**5. Reports**

a. Chair (MRA).

Society is thriving, with new schemes, events, and the annual conferences and lectures going ahead virtually for the moment.

b. Treasurer (JD). Treasurer report has been submitted.

The society’s finances are very healthy. Details can be provided upon request

c. Secretary (Mogens Lærke).

Nothing particular to report.

d. Journal Editors (Alix Cohen+Sasha Golob).

i. Renewal of T&F Contracts. We are delighted to confirm that the T&F publisher contracts were successfully renewed in Dec 2020.

ii. Statistics. The rolling 12-month average review time from receipt to decision is 41.2 days, an excellent rate in comparison with many others. The acceptance rate is just above 9%, in line with long term trends.

iii. Editors and Editorial Boards. We are delighted to welcome Dr. Alex Douglas as the new Associate Editor (Book Reviews) for a 5-year term. Prof. Sarah Hutton has retired from the Editorial Board: we would like to record our thanks for all her support over the years. All other members up for renewal have renewed: full lists will be circulated at the BJHP Executive Comm.

iv. Mike Beaney Prize. The Michael Beaney Prize was established in January 2021 in recognition of the outstanding work of Michael Beaney as editor of the British Journal for the History of Philosophy between 2011 and 2020. The Beaney Prize is funded by the British Society for the History of Philosophy and awards £1,000 for the best paper in a given year that contributes to a broader conception of the philosophical canon. All accepted research papers in 2021 will automatically be considered.

v. John Rogers Prize 2021. We are delighted to announce the winner and runner up as follows. Winner: “The liar paradox in fifteenth-century Shiraz: the exchange between Ṣadr al-Dīn al-Dashtakī and Jalāl al-Dīn al-Dawānī” by Khaled El-Rouayheb. Runner-up: “Cassirer’s enlightenment: on philosophy and the ‘Denkform’ of reason,” by Ursula Renz.

e. OUP-NTHP Editor (Mogens Lærke)

The New Texts in the History of Philosophy series is advancing as speedily as one can hope for. The first volume with Massimi Mugnai’s translations of Leibniz’z *Generales Inquisitiones* is announced on the OUP website and will be officially published in early June. Currently accepted proposals, now in preparation are still Leo Catana’s translation of Brucker’s *Historia*, Lucy Sheaf’s translations of Leibniz’s *Elementa Juris Naturalis*, James Clarke and Michael Nancy’s translations of Erhardt’s *Writings on Revolution*, Christopher Fremaux’s translation of Crusius’s *Guide to Rational Living*, and Mark Sinclair’s translations of Ravaisson’s *History of Nineteenth-Century French Philosophy*. A proposal for translations of metaphysical texts by Leibniz by Richard Arthur and Osvaldo Ottaviani is currently under consideration by the OUP board. The BSHP-NTHP editors have the discretion to grant some funds to help authors, which is part of the contractual set-up of the series where 8% of sales go to the author and 3% to the BSHP. In return, authors can benefit from a grant to help them in preparation with their volume.

**6. Annual Conference**

The MC would like to record its gratitude to Jeremy Dunham and his assistant, Thomas Rosseter, on their fantastic work on organizing the April 2021 themed conference on Women in the History of Philosophy.

Jeremy Cottrell has offered to host the 2022 un-themed conference at the University of Edinburgh.

**7. 2021 BSHP Lecture**

Sarah Broadie has accepted and hopefully the event can take place in Cambridge in person on 12 November, organized by Sophia Connell.\*

\*Addendum of 08/04/2022. Sarah Broadie deceased on 8 August 2021. In her stead, James Harris held the annual lecture at Edinburgh on 12 November 2021. A panel in the honour of professor Broadie is planned for the BSPH annuel conference in Edinburgh on 21-23 April 2022.

**8. AOB**

N/A