

problématique

Journal of Political Studies

Revue d'études politiques

A publication of York Political Science Graduate Students

Editors

Shane Gunster

Marie-Josée Masscotte

Stacey Mayhall

Critical Readers

Tyler Atwood

Carolyn Bassett

Andrew Biro

Cam Bodnar

Heather Chestnutt

Alexandre Brassard Desjardins

Peter Fargey

Grace-Edward Galabuzi

Ruth Groff

Deepika Grover

Andrea Harrington

Steve Hayward

Geoff Kennedy

Samuel Knafo

Rodney Loeppky

Nigmendra Narain

Peter Nyers

Dennis Pilon

Manuel Poitras

Chris Roberts

Stephanie Ross

Sean Saraka

Christine Saulnier

John Simoulidis

Noah Zerbe

Submissions for Volume VII

Please contact the editors of *problématique* at the address below for the next submission deadline. Submissions may be in either English or French and should not exceed 8,000 words. Reviews and critiques should be limited to 2,000 words.

Contributions reflect the opinions of the authors rather than those of the editorial board or others associated with the journal.

Mailing address:

problématique, c/o the Department of Political Science

York University, 4700 Keele St.

North York, Ontario, M3J 1P3 CANADA

Copyright 2000 by *problématique*

ISSN No. 1181-7488

Contents

The Politics of Enclosure
in Thomas More's *Utopia*

Peter Nyers

Michel Foucault,
le pouvoir et la
résistance politique

Alexandre Brassard
Desjardins

Machiavelli and Civic
Revival

Rodney Loeppky

Circles of Power:
The Canadian Elite

Alexandra Romic

Marriage and Mill:
A (Re)Constitution of
Victorian Ideals

Deepika Grover

problématique
Journal of Political Studies
Revue d'études politiques
No. 6. Fall 2000

Editors' comments

Problématique is a journal organized and operated by graduate students in the Political Science Department of York University, dedicated to promoting and circulating graduate work through publication. It also provides a venue for what we consider to be a crucial aspect of scholarly development – that of peer feedback, criticism and the sharing of ideas. Graduate students carry out all vetting and decision making according to standard academic practices.

The articles in this 2000 edition reflect the diversity of research interests found in our Graduate programme. Peter Nyers' article « The Politics of Enclosure in Thomas More's *Utopia* » problematizes the disciplining divisions of political theory and International Relations utilizing More's *Utopia* to demonstrate the ways enclosure constructs both an anarchic international world and an idealized, ordered, unified public space. Alexandre Brassard Desjardins contributes this edition's only french piece, « Michel Foucault, le pouvoir et la resistance politique » in which he argues that the work of Michel Foucault needs to be reclaimed from post modernists, who misunderstand Foucault's position that discourse is a constitutive element of reality deeply bound with –rather than detached from- relations of power. Foucault's understanding of power, far from encouraging political immobility, legitimises under-valued forms of political resistance, and thus may provide a basis for a new, emancipatory paradigm in political science. Rooting Machiavelli's political theory within the social, political and economic context in which it was written, Rodney Loeppky claims, in « Machiavelli and Civic Revival, » that his writings are better conceptualized as theorizing the merits of traditional republican philosophy then laying the

foundations for an entirely new form of politics. In « Circles of Power: The Canadian Elite, » Alexandra Romic tackles the question of elite formation, arguing the merits of neo-Gramscian approach to explain how a dominant transnational capitalist class is reproduced in Canada. Finally, in « Marriage and Mill: A (Re)Constitution of Victorian Ideals », Deepika Grover focuses on Mill's controversial contributions to marital reform, arguing that while Mill's categorization of 'woman' is both radical and conventional, and therefore important to early feminism, Mill fails to reconceive women as subjects rendering 'woman' a somewhat more modern 'willing slave'.

We would like to extend our thanks to the Academic Initiatives Committee of the York Political Science Department, without whose financial support the publication of this journal would not be possible. We are also indebted to our critical readers for all the work they put into providing feedback on this year's papers. Special thanks to Andrea Harrington for her essential technical computer support during the layout and production process. Finally, we would like to extend our thanks to those whose submissions were not accepted for this volume. Because of the extraordinary pool of submissions, deciding which articles to accept for publication was very difficult. We hope that the next editors of problématique are as fortunate as we were.

Stacey, Shane, and Marie-Josée
Fall 2000