

The topic of this lecture lies at the intersection of four concepts: *excellence*, *equality*, *contest*, and *argument*. Who deserves what, on the basis of what kinds of competitive measures (including, for example, formal competitions in sports, in litigation, in elections, and in academic tests) is one of the most important and contentious issues in contemporary law, politics, and culture. From times ancient through current, philosophers from many cultures have offered sustained inquiries into concepts of human excellence and the kinds of contests that ought to be used to measure it. With the rise of representative democracies around the world from the late eighteenth century through today, the concept of *equality* has also become a central contested value in societies around the globe. In societies that claim to prize the values of both excellence and equality the question has arisen: Can a society realize and reward both excellence and equality? There is at least a superficial tension between the values of excellence (being *better-than*) and equality (being *no-better-than*). Can this (apparent) tension be overcome? If so, how? If not, why not? This lecture will address these questions. To answer them, it will explain the basics of, and then apply, the *Logocrat-Agon-Axic Method*, a philosophical explanation of the nature and purposes of contests, which is a special application of the Logocratic Method, a philosophical explanation of the nature and purposes of arguments. Using this approach, the lecture will explain the important ways in which both excellence and equality *can* be realized and the perhaps even more important ways in which they *cannot*.



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INVITED LECTURE

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PROGRAMME

Welcome notes

Professor Tasos Christofides, Rector, University of Cyprus
Associate Professor Kostas Paraskeva, Chairman, Department of Law

Presentation of the Speaker (in Greek)

Introduction

Prof. Nikitas Hatzimihail, Dep. Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Education

“Scott Brewer and the Logocratic Method”

Lecturer Konstantinos Tsinas, Department of Law

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Discussion

Chair: Professor Haridimos Tsoukas, Dean, Graduate School

Reception

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