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Overview of Symposium

American democracy is inextricably bound up and in tension with American religious traditions. Over the latter half of the 20th century this relationship has manifested itself primarily as the antagonism between a powerful liberal secularism and a rising new religious traditionalism. Jeffrey Stout’s new book, Democracy and Tradition, places itself squarely in the center of this debate as it examines the serious challenges facing democracy and religion in America, including the new religious traditionalism. Professor Stout’s account of the history and formation of American democratic culture reveals a rich tradition shaped not only by constitutional and political debates, but by literary, religious, and philosophical debates as well. These various debates have enlarged the concept of public reason in America to include all citizens who converse with one another in their capacity as citizens. Furthermore, as he works through this debate, Stout presents a vision of the resources needed to strengthen the democratic cultural tradition in America.

Convinced of the importance of this work, the sponsors and organizers of Democracy and Tradition: A Symposium at The University of Tennessee have brought together with Professor Stout a number of scholars for a three-day symposium to critically examine Democracy and Tradition. Symposium events will include panel discussions and plenary lectures with questions and answers. All events are free and open to the public.

Proceedings, along with responses from Professor Stout, will be published in The Journal of Religious Ethics and in Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal.

Schedule

Wednesday, October 6
University Center, Shiloh Room

2:00 PM Welcome by Chancelor Crabtree
Charles Reynolds Introduction of Symposium and Stout: A Conversation about Pluralism and Democracy

2:30 Jeffrey Stout The Spirit of Democracy
4:00 Light Reception
4:30 Nicholas Wolterstorff A Christian Engagement with Liberal Democracy
Chair: John Kelsay

6:00 Adjourn

Thursday, October 7
University Center, Shiloh Room

10:30AM Sabina Lovborg Living in the Hypercontext
Chair: Jim Nelson

12:00 PM Lunch
1:30 Implications of Democracy and Tradition for Comparative Religious Ethics
Panel of Scott Davis, John Kelsay and Sumner Twiss

3:00 Light Reception
3:30 Allen Dunn The Temptation of Metaphysics: Jeffrey Stout’s Account of the Limits of Moral Knowledge
Chair: John McGowan

5:00 PM Adjourn

Schedule

Friday, October 8
College of Law, Auditorium

10:00 AM David Reidy Speaking for the State
Chair: John Hardwig

11:15 Robert Talisse Stout and Public Reason
Chair: Amy Elias

12:30 PM Lunch
1:45 Danielle Allen Discipline and Punishment in Democracies
Chair: David Tandy

3:15 Light Reception
3:45 Cathleen Kaveny The Legal Tradition of Democracy
Chair: Gilya Schmidt

5:00 Adjourn

Saturday, October 9
College of Law, Auditorium

10:30 AM Cornel West Appreciating Stout’s Commitments to Democracy
Chair: Lisi Schoenbach

12:00 PM Lunch
1:30 David Bromwich Democracy and Normal Life
Chair: John Zomchick

3:00 Jeffrey Stout Response to Symposium
Chair: Charles Reynolds

4:30 Adjourn

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