

October 8, 2018

Institute For Law and Philosophy Workshop: Amanda Greene (UCL, Princeton UCHV)

Time: 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Location: Faculty Lounge

Professor Amanda Greene will discuss her paper,
"Democratic Legitimacy for Skeptics"

"Today democracy is thought to be the most legitimate form of government the world has ever seen. But why does democracy matter at all for political legitimacy? An adequate answer to this question has not yet been given, in my opinion, even though there is great zeal to expand and increase democratic governance at home and abroad. Some accounts of democratic legitimacy rely on standards of legitimacy that implicitly regard democracy as a constitutive element in legitimacy. Moreover, some defenses of the value of democracy rely on idealized or romantic views about what democracy is and how it functions. This paper provides a challenge and an alternative to that family of approaches. It does so by (i) defending an account of political legitimacy that does not rely on liberal or democratic values, and (ii) showing how democracy nevertheless makes a special contribution to political legitimacy."



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