

Lecture series on conservative thought and the effect of conservatism to begin at UCSD

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The growing national attention being given to conservative thought, and the effect conservatism could have on future national policy, will serve as the background for a 10-part lecture series beginning Tuesday, April 2, at the University of California, San Diego.

Some of the nation's leading proponents of conservatism and libertarianism, including John Hospers, Libertarian Party candidate for president in 1972, and M. Stanton Evans, Jr., editor of the Indianapolis News, are scheduled to take part.

The lectures will begin at 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday through June 4 in Room 2722 of the Undergraduate Sciences Building on the Revelle College campus at UCSD. Cost for the series is \$51.00 with three academic units being offered through UCSD Extension. Those interested may attend the first lecture for free. If they wish to continue, they may sign up for the remaining lectures at that time.

The series is under the direction of Dr. Daniel Orr, Professor of Economics at UCSD, and is being underwritten in part by grants from the Fred C. Koch Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Modern American conservatism varies widely in its doctrines and tactics and even the word "conservatism" has no simple definition. For the most part, conservatives share a strong suspicion of government activity, particularly in the economic sphere, and view schemes for the perfection of society with considerable skepticism.

Of recent interest, particularly among students, is libertarianism, an offshoot of conservatism. Libertarians oppose government intrusion not only in economic affairs, but also in what they regard as matters of personal liberty and conscience such as abortion and draft amnesty.

Hospers, director of the school of philosophy at the University of Southern California, will open the series on April 2 speaking on "Libertarianism: Philosophy and Program." Evans, who serves as chairman of the American Conservative Union, is scheduled to speak on "The Media in a Free Society" on May 14.

- Judith Thornton, Professor of Economics at the University of Washington and a leading expert on the Soviet economy, on "Liberty and Property in the Soviet Union" on April 9.

- Professor Dwight Lee of the Department of Economics at the University of Colorado speaking April 16 on "The Government's Role in the Energy Crisis."

- Dr. Sara Baase, Assistant Professor of Mathematics at San Diego State University and editor of "Libertarian Alternative," speaking on "The Women's Movement: A Libertarian View" on April 23.

- Colin Campbell, Professor of Economics at Dartmouth College, on "Social Security: Welfare or Insurance?" on April 30.

- Henry Manne, Professor of Law in the Department of Political Science at the University of Rochester, speaking May 7 on "Capitalism: The Impossible Dream."

- Bernard Siegan, an attorney, columnist and author of "Land Use Without Zoning," speaking May 21 on "Property Rights and the Environmentalist Movement."

- Dr. Cotton M. Lindsay, Assistant Professor of Economics at UCLA, on "The Private Provision of Public Goods" on May 28.

Orr will close the series on June 4 speaking on "Liberty and Property: Summary and Outlook."

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