

The Search For Order in History

August 1–August 13, 2016

New Haven, CT

This two-week seminar will focus on the driving force behind the establishment and maintenance of political society: the search for that right order in collective human affairs that will reflect the truth of human existence. The seminar will have three interrelated sections: the first will examine some of the key texts in which Eric Voegelin spells out a critical hermeneutic for the ordering experiences and constructions that lie behind human existence in political society. The second section will examine the Christian transformation of the conception of political order in classical antiquity by an examination of Etienne Gilson's seminal Gifford Lectures, The Spirit of Medieval Philosophy, and the third section will consider the distinctive mindset and experiences behind the construction of political order in the American Republic through the eyes of Alexis de Tocqueville's Democracy in America.

Seminar Faculty

Thomas D'Andrea, *University of Cambridge*

James Nolan, *Williams College*

Eligibility

The seminar is open to advanced undergraduates (including graduating seniors) and graduate students with interests in moral philosophy, politics, sociology, and economics.

Registration Fee and Facilities

A registration fee of \$400 covers room and board for the duration of the seminar. Scholarships are available.

Application Requirements and Instructions

To apply please send the following documents to info@elminstitute.org:

- 1) Cover letter discussing the reasons for your interest in the seminar and an overview of any relevant experience in the seminar's topic.
- 2) A writing sample of up to 2,000 words.

In addition, please arrange to have a faculty member familiar with your academic work send a letter of recommendation to info@elminstitute.org.

The application deadline for the seminar is **February 15, 2016**. Applicants can expect to receive a decision by March 15, 2015.

