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— CALL FOR PAPERS —

Reappraising Book 2 of *Utopia*

Thursday-Saturday, 5-7 November 2026

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Call for Papers: We welcome papers exploring any specific aspect of Book 2 of Thomas More's *Utopia*. All papers should focus primarily on materials in Book 2 itself, analyzing that text closely. Papers could analyze specific institutions and customs related to government, economics, education, religion, marriage, law and treaties, foreign policy, family, music, slavery, ethics, crime and punishment, war, *Utopia*'s founding, etc. Papers could also address large issues such as how this "philosophic city" (*Utopia* 9.11) works, or how and what it teaches concerning republican government. Is there, for example, a dialectical dimension to book 2 that makes *Utopia* 2 truly philosophical? If so, how is that dimension shown? In what way is *Utopia* "a rival to Plato's city, perhaps its victor" (*Utopia* 7.30)?

Common text we will use: *Utopia and Selected Epigrams* (CTMS Publishers, 2023) – available in English and Latin through www.thomasmorestudies.org along with Study Guide; ISBN 9798218149123 through Amazon.

Accepted papers will be distributed to the other members of your seminar group, and **each participant agrees to read the others' papers of your seminar group before** coming in November. The **maximum length** is ten double-spaced pages. Since we are using the seminar format, attendance is limited.

Deadlines:

- Seminar paper abstracts are due by **January 30, 2026**. Acceptances will be sent by **February 21, 2026**.
Send these to: morestudies@gmail.com.
- Completed papers must be received by **August 15, 2026**.
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(N.B.: Seminar topics will be determined after papers are submitted.)

Thursday, 5 November 2026

- 4:30 Shuttle leaves hotel lobby for UD
- 5:00 "Thomas More and Henry VIII: An Anatomy of a Friendship," in SB Hall 122
by Dr. Peter Marshall, Professor of History, Univ. of Warwick; Past President of the Ecclesiastical Historical Society, Member of the Royal Historical Society

Friday, 6 November 2026 – basic schedule for both days

- 8:40 Shuttle leaves hotel lobby for UD [Breakfast at hotel for those staying at the Marriott]
- 9:00-10:15 Seminar
- 11:00-12:15 Seminar
- 12:30 Lunch
- 2:15-3:30 Seminar
- 4:00-5:15 Seminar

Saturday, 7 November 2026 (all seminars in SB Hall 138)

- 8:40 Shuttle leaves hotel lobby for UD [Breakfast at hotel for those staying at the Marriott]
- 9:00-10:15 Seminar:
- 11:00-12:15 Seminar:
- 12:30 Lunch
- 2:15-3:30 Seminar:
- 4:00-4:45 Seminar: Last thoughts; next year's Conference