



Programme Van Eeden Lecture: Lea Ypi

Lea Ypi is Professor of Political Philosophy at the London School of Economics and Associate Professor of Philosophy at the Research School of Social Sciences in Canberra, Australia. In addition to her academic research on topics such as normative political theory, the political philosophy of Marx and Kant and critical theory, she regularly writes for *The Guardian*, *The New Statesman* and *The Independent*. In her award-winning philosophical autobiography *Free* (W. W. Norton & Co., 2022), she explores the idea of political freedom on the basis of her own history.

Ypi grew up in communist Albania, which radically changed course in the aftermath of the fall of the Berlin Wall. But is capitalist freedom true freedom? In times of political turmoil, the philosophical tension between negative and positive freedom leaves the realms of theory. Ypi considers freedom to be neither the freedom from imposed obligations, nor the freedom to do whatever you feel like doing. Freedom equals moral freedom: the freedom to do the right thing. During the 10th Frederik van Eeden Lecture, Ypi explains how we put moral freedom into practice.

Monday	January 16, 2023
19h00	Welcome with complementary tea and coffee
19h30	Welcome by Florian Jacobs
19h45	Keynote: Lea Ypi on freedom
21h00	Questions from the audience
21h30	At the bar – opportunity to buy the book / book signing