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Liberalism or Leadership

Join us on Monday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden for a lecture entitled, "Liberalism or Leadership: Debating the Future of the Democratic Party," by Eugene Kogan, who made the case for multilateralism for us last May. His talk will cover such issues as North Korea and the Iraq War.

Eugene B. Kogan is now a Senior Political Analyst at Americans for Informed Democracy and the John Kenneth Galbraith Fellow at Americans for Democratic Action Education Fund in Washington, D.C. Eugene's paper, "The War Congress: Shouldering the Responsibilities of a U.S. Global Role," a study of Congress's post-9/11 foreign policy role, is available from ADA Education Fund at <http://www.adaction.org/warcongress.pdf>. His articles have also appeared in the Washington Times, Japan Times, Straits Times, Korea Herald, Washington International Magazine and other publications. He has spoken on U.S. foreign policy, United Nations, and terrorism at universities and organizations in the United States and Canada. He is a member of the U.N. Association of the United States and of the National

Calendar of Events

JULY, 2005

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| Mon., 18 | Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Coffee and conversation | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Main program: Eugene Kogan, Senior Political Analyst at Americans for Informed Democracy — <i>Liberalism or Leadership: Debating the Future of the Democratic Party</i> | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 24 | Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden | 2:30 p.m. |
| Wed., 27 | Dinner at Lisboa, 19 Lafayette St., Waterbury. (203) 754-0789 | 7:00 p.m. |

AUGUST, 2005

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| Sat., 6 | Humanist Conversations: Movie TBA. | 2:30 p.m. |
| Tues., 9 | Dinner at Contrassegno 4137 Whitney Avenue, Hamden. RSVP at humanism.meetup.com | 7:00 p.m. |
| Mon., 15 | Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Coffee and conversation | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Main program: Brian Trent, author of <i>Remembering Hypatia</i> | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 21 | Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden | 2:30 p.m. |
| Wed., 31 | Dinner at Lisboa, 19 Lafayette St., Waterbury. (203) 754-0789 | 7:00 p.m. |

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Political Science Honor Society. Bring a friend and join us when we welcome Eugene back on Monday, July 18 at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. Refreshments will be served at 7:30, followed by Eugene's

presentation at 8:00.

NOTE: Because there will be another event at 700 Hartford Turnpike that evening, we will have our refreshments set up in a room downstairs, and we will use the largest room in the building for Eugene's presentation.

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Conversations

Join us in the library at 2:30 p.m. on August 6 at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. We will view one of the films suggested at July's session. Refreshments will be served.

Book Discussion — September 10th

Join us on Saturday, September 10, for a picnic and book discussion at the lovely home of Bill and Kathy Lyon. The picnic will start at 1:00 p.m. and the book discussion will begin at 3:30 p.m. Directions to the Lyon's will be included in the next newsletter.

The book will be *Looking for Spinoza: Joy, Sorrow, and the Feeling Brain* by Antonio Damasio. ISBN: 0156028719.

In the seventeenth century, the philosopher Spinoza examined the role emotion played in human survival and culture. Yet hundreds of years and many significant scientific advances later, the neurobiological roots of joy and sorrow remain a mystery. Today, we spend countless resources doctoring our feelings with alcohol, prescription drugs, health clubs, therapy, vacation retreats, and other sorts of consumption; still, the inner workings of our minds—what feelings are, how they work, and what they mean—are largely an unexplored frontier.

With scientific expertise and literary facility, best-selling author and world famous neuroscientist Antonio Damasio concludes his groundbreaking trilogy in *Looking for Spinoza*, exploring the cerebral processes that keep us alive and make life worth living.

Antonio Damasio is the Van Allen Professor and head of the department of neurology at the University of Iowa Medical Center and is an adjunct professor at the Salk Institute in San Diego. His book *Descartes' Error* was nominated for the Los Angeles Times Book Award, and has been translated into twenty-three languages.

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