

Guillaume Ansart

Condorcet and the Birth of Social Choice Theory

*Friday, March 6
2:30-3:30 pm
Ballantine Hall 144*

ABOUT THE TALK: Today, Condorcet is considered the founder of social choice theory or theory of collective decision-making. This presentation will discuss his two major contributions to the field: Condorcet's paradox and Condorcet's jury theorem, as well as some of the original features of his political thought compared to his two great eighteenth-century predecessors, Montesquieu and Rousseau.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Guillaume Ansart is Associate Professor of French in the Department of French & Italian at Indiana University.-Bloomington. He is the author of *Réflexion utopique et pratique romanesque au Siècle des Lumières: Prévost, Rousseau, Sade*. (Paris: Lettres Modernes Minard, 1999) as well as many articles the *philosophes* of the 18th century and their contributions to the history of political theory.

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Marie Jean Antoine Nicolas de Caritat,
Marquis de Condorcet (1743–1794)

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