

# NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

525 Arch Street | Independence Mall  
Philadelphia | PA 19106 | T 215 409 6600 | F 215 409 6650  
[www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Ashley Berke  
Senior Public Relations Manager  
215.409.6693  
[aberke@constitutioncenter.org](mailto:aberke@constitutioncenter.org)

## HARVARD PROFESSOR MICHAEL SANDEL TO SPEAK ON JUSTICE AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (September 15, 2009) – Harvard professor **Michael Sandel** will join the National Constitution Center for a provocative lecture about moral and political philosophy, based on his latest book, *Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?*, on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$9 for members, \$15 for non-members, and \$7 for students and teachers. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

In his new work, Sandel raises philosophical questions and challenges our way of thinking about issues such as individual rights and the claims of community, equality and inequality, morality, and the rule of law, considering familiar controversies in fresh and illuminating ways. *Justice* is based on Sandel's legendary Justice course at Harvard University. Each year, thousands of students pack his lecture hall to hear him relate the big questions of political philosophy to the most vexing issues of the day. Sandel lectures about great philosophers of the past, from Aristotle to John Stuart Mill, but also debates contemporary issues that speak to our role as citizens. He illuminates the ways in which philosophy and reason can aid us in discovering this role, and thus our responsibilities to society. More than 14,000 students have enrolled in the course since it began, and it is the basis of a 12-part television series premiering on PBS on September 20, 2009.

Michael Sandel is the Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Professor of Government at Harvard University. He is the author of several monographs, including *Liberalism and the Limits of Justice*, *Democracy's Discontent: America in Search of a Public Philosophy*, and *The Case Against Perfection: Ethics in the Age of Genetic Engineering*. In addition, his views on philosophy and politics have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The New Republic*, and *Atlantic Monthly*.

-MORE-

ADD ONE/MICHAEL SANDEL

Sandel is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Academy of Arts and Sciences, and has received three honorary degrees. He also serves as a member of the National Constitution Center's Distinguished Scholars Advisory Panel.

A book sale and signing will follow the program, courtesy of Joseph Fox Bookshop.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

###