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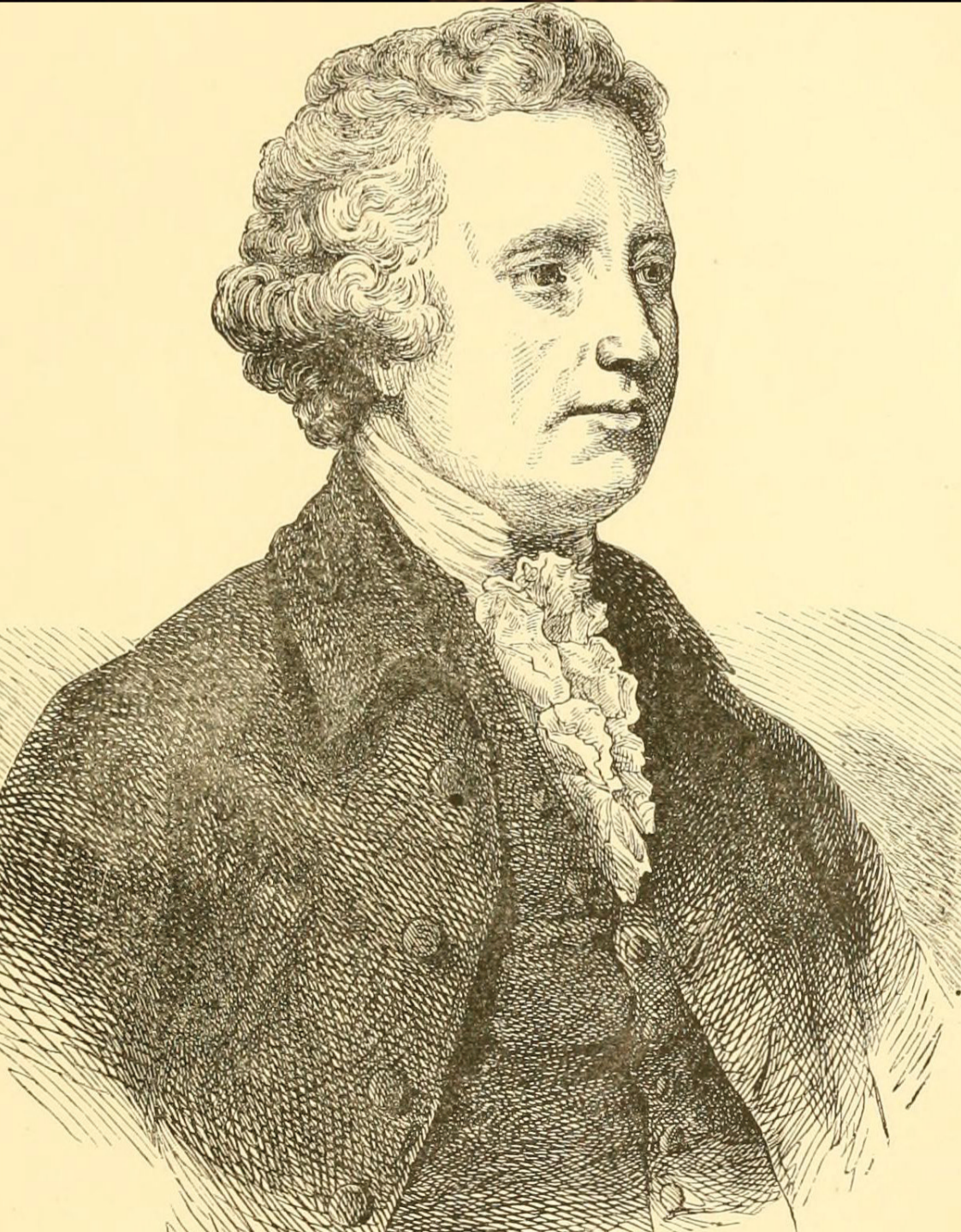


History and the political imagination: Burke, Disraeli, and the British Conservative Tradition

28 Aprile 2026, 15.00 – 17.00

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What is the relation between historical imagination and political argument? How do myths and legends constructed posthumously shape an ideological landscape? In this lecture, Dr. Emily Jones examines how the tradition of modern British conservatism was constructed through extensive manipulation, resignification, and reinvention of figures such as Edmund Burke (1730-1797) and Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881). Using sources ranging from parliamentary speeches to Hollywood films, she contrasts this historical mode of political argumentation with the current, unhistorical, manner of political argument, informed by methods and ideas from social sciences such as behaviourism.



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