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“The great protector of wits. D’Holbach 1789-2019”

Lichtenberg-Kolleg, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen,
Historic Observatory, Geismar Landstraße 11
9-11 May 2019

Conveners: FRANZISKA MEIER and LAURA NICOLI

Thursday, 9th May

- From 09.00 Registration
- 9.15 – 9.30 **FRANZISKA MEIER** (GEORG-AUGUST-UNIVERSITÄT, GÖTTINGEN), Welcome
- 09.30 – 10.00 **LAURA NICOLI** (LICHTENBERG-KOLLEG), Introduction
- Session 1** Chair: Nicholas Cronk
- 10.00 – 11.30 **BRUNELLO LOTTI** (UNIVERSITÀ DI UDINE), The concept of natural order in *The System of Nature*
ENRICO GALVAGNI (LICHTENBERG-KOLLEG), Luxury, Mystification, and Oppressive Power in d’Holbach’s Philosophical Writings
Discussion
- 11.30 – 11.45 Refreshment
- Session 2** Chair: LAURA NICOLI
- 11.45 – 13.15 **MLADEN KOZUL** (UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA), Holbach stratège et philosophe
RUGGERO SCIUTO (HERTFORD COLLEGE / VOLTAIRE FOUNDATION, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD), The Absent Guest: D’Holbach’s Strategic Usage of Voltaire’s Texts
Discussion
- 13.15 – 14.30 Lunch
- Session 3** Chair: MARIA SUSANA SEGUIN
- 14.30 – 16.00 **ALAIN SANDRIER** (UNIVERSITE DE CAEN NORMANDIE), De quelques aspects de la contribution du baron d’Holbach à l’*Encyclopédie*
MELANIE EPHREME (UNIVERSITE PARIS DIDEROT), Le baron d’Holbach, traducteur discret de la chimie allemande
Discussion

16.00 – 16.30	Refreshment
16.30 – 18.30	Public Lecture: ALAN CHARLES KORS (UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA), Holbach's Skepticism Discussant: TONY LA VOPA (NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY / LICHTENBERG-KOLLEG)
19.30	Dinner

Friday, 10th May

Session 4	Chair: MLADEN KOZUL
09.30 – 11.00	GIANNI PAGANINI (UNIVERSITÀ DEL PIEMONTE ORIENTALE), D'Holbach and the "spirit of Judaism" JACOPO AGNESINA (UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA "LA SAPIENZA"), The role of Prophecies. Baron d'Holbach as translator of Anthony Collins Discussion
11.00 – 12.00	Refreshment and visit to the Historic Observatory
Session 5	Chair: FRANZISKA MEIER
12.00 – 13.30	MARIA SUSANA SEGUIN (UNIVERSITE MONTPELLIER III / IHRIM - ENS DE LYON / IUF), Le rôle d'Holbach dans la diffusion de la littérature philosophique clandestine PAOLO QUINTILI (UNIVERSITA DI ROMA "TOR VERGATA"), D'Holbach et Diderot: une amitié plus que philosophique Discussion
13.30 – 15.00	Lunch
Session 6	Chair : ALAIN SANDRIER
15.00 – 16.30	GERHARDT STENGER (UNIVERSITE DE NANTES), Voltaire contre la coterie holbachique EMILIO MAZZA (IULM, MILANO), How many "atheists" at d'Holbach's table? Discussion
16.30 – 17.00	Refreshment
17.00 – 17.40	"Towards a born-digital critical edition of d'Holbach's complete works". Round table organised by Nicholas Cronk and Ruggero Sciuto
19.00	Dinner

Saturday, 11th May

Session 7	Chair: GIANNI PAGANINI
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09.00 – 9.45	JONATHAN ISRAEL (INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES, PRINCETON), D'Holbach's Political Thought. A subdued monarchism not unlike Voltaire's, or a decisive step inlaying the crypto-republican underlay of the late 18 th century revolutionary consciousness? Discussion
9.45 – 10.00	Refreshment
Session 8	Chair: TONY LA VOPA
10.00 – 11.30	NICHOLAS CRONK (VOLTAIRE FOUNDATION, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD), Who are d'Holbach's readers? IRYNA MYKHAILOVA (LICHTENBERG-KOLLEG), D'Holbach's Legacy in the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union: Translations and Receptions Discussion
11.30 – 12.30	Final round-table discussion chaired by ALAN CHARLES KORS
12.30	Departure