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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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Day 1, Friday, 22 May:

Session I (11:00-13:45), moderated by Dr Olga Lenczewska:

- 11:00-11:30* *Welcoming remarks and introductions*
- 11:30-12:15 **Prof. Agnieszka Nogal** (University of Warsaw, Poland):
“The Cost of Kantian Reason: Feminist Philosophy and the Unintended Consequences of Dualism”
- 12:15-13:00 **Prof. Nuria Sánchez Madrid** (Complutense University of Madrid, Spain):
“The German Enlightenment towards the Domination of Women: Kant, von Hippel, and Holst”
- 13:00-13:45 **Dr Federico Rossato** (Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany):
“*Philosophia wolfiana non facit philosophum*: Luise Gottsched and the Project for a Radical *Volksaufklärung* in the Context of the *Hochaufklärung*”
- 13:45-15:00 *Break*

Session II (15:00-16:30), moderated by Dr Olga Lenczewska:

- 15:00-15:45 **Ms. Elżbieta Filipow** (University of Warsaw, Poland):
“Differences in Human Nature between Women and Men and the Consequences for Rational Progress of Humanity in Light of Kantian Anthropology and Ethics”
- 15:45-16:30 **Dr Björn Freter** (Towson University, USA):
“Philosophical Subversion in Johanna Charlotte Unzer’s *Grundriß einer Weltweisheit für das Frauenzimmer*”

Day 2, Saturday, 23 May:

Session III (9:00-11:30), moderated by Ms. Elżbieta Filipow:

- 9:00-10:00 **KEYNOTE LECTURE**
Prof. Robert Loudon (University of Southern Maine (emeritus), University of Hawaii, USA):
“Basedow and Girls’ Education: An (Ir)resolvable Contradiction?”
- 10:00-10:45 **Ms. Linda Brancalone** (The Magna Græcia University of Catanzaro, Italy):
“Education, Family, and Emancipation: Wollstonecraft and de Gouges as Precursors of Radical Feminism”

* All times have been provided in CEST and will vary for participants in different time zones.

10:45-11:30 **Prof. Éva Antal** (Eszterházy Károly Catholic University, Hungary):
“Mary Wollstonecraft’s Educational *View* on the History of the French Revolution”

11:30-14:30 *Break (due to time zone differences)*

Session IV (14:30-17:00), moderated by Dr Kinga Elert:

14:30-15:15 **Mr. Antoni Odorowski** (Jagiellonian University, Poland):
“Princess Caroline of Brandenburg-Ansbach as an Enlightened Patroness of Science”

15:15-16:00 **Dr Wojciech Kozyra** (University of Warsaw, Poland):
“The Jewish Fear of Progress: The Cases of Mendelssohn and Ascher”

16:00-17:00 **KEYNOTE LECTURE**
Prof. Charlotte Sabourin (Douglas College, Canada):
“*A Topic of Study for the Philosopher*: Femininity and the Culture of Enlightenment”

Day 3, Sunday, 24 May:

Session V (10:00-12:30), moderated by Prof. Rafał Wonicki:

10:00-11:00 **KEYNOTE LECTURE**
Prof. Anna Tomaszewska (Jagiellonian University, Poland):
“Kant on Swedenborg and the Enlightenment Women’s Religiousness”

11:00-11:45 **Dr Guillem Sales Vilalta** (Spanish National Research Council, Spain):
“The Dream of Reason and Its Monsters: Mary Wollstonecraft’s Vindications and Their Reworking in Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein*”

11:45-12:30 **Dr Federico Rampinini** (University of Graz, Austria):
“Unsocial Sociability Reframed: Amalia Holst between Rousseau and Kant on Progress”

12:30-13:30 *Break*

Session VI (13:30-16:00), moderated by Dr Olga Lenczewska:

13:30-14:15 **Dr Kinga Elert** (University of Warsaw, Poland):
“Gabrielle Suchon’s Political Celibacy as a Critique of the Compulsory Sexuality and the Heteropatriarchal Institution of Marriage”

14:15-15:00 **Dr Konrad Wyszowski** (University of Warsaw, Poland):
“Eleonora Ziemięcka: Progressive Function, Conservative Content”

15:00-16:00 **KEYNOTE LECTURE**
Prof. Corey Dyck (University of Western Ontario, Canada):
“Amalia Holst and Elisa Reimar on Children’s Religious Education”

16:00-16:15 *Concluding remarks*

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