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**LIBORI SUMMER  
2017 SCHOOL**

**JULY 23<sup>RD</sup> TO 28<sup>TH</sup>**



# FROM OUR DIRECTOR

As director of the research project “Center History of Women Philosophers and Scientists” at Paderborn University I am especially proud to announce our First Libori Summer School for international undergraduates, graduate students, and university scholars. My interest in the integration of women philosophers and scholars already began in the 1990s. In 2006, I established the teaching and research area “History of Women Philosophers and Scientists” here in Paderborn. Since then, seminars, conferences, academic events, and dissertation projects have been offered. Over the years, many internationally renowned scholars have contributed to the constantly-widening spectrum of seminars on women philosophers and scientists at my teaching and research area. A decade later, the project “Center History of Women Philosophers and Scientists”, funded by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Research of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, was launched in May 2016. With six research positions dedicated to the study of women philosophers and scientists from different epochs, the Center is one of the world’s leading institutions in that field.

With our Libori Summer School, we are celebrating more than 2600 years women philosophers. Important knowledge in the history of women philosophers and scientists has been gained over the past thirty years, more than in no other field of research in the history of philosophy and science. The writings of the women prove to be important components of our cultural history, so that the narrative of a supposedly tradition, where women are scarce or non-existent, is revised.

Join us in celebrating, investigating, and discussing women philosophers and scientists of various eras during Paderborn's festive season in the very heart of Germany and enjoy one of five parallel state-of-the-art courses held by leading experts in the specific areas.

I am looking forward to meeting you at the Libori Summer School from July 23rd to 28th, 2017.



**Prof. Dr. Ruth Hagengruber**  
Founder and director



Mary Ellen Waithe, main advisor for the Center, is a former professor

and chair at the Department of Philosophy and Comparative Religion at the Cleveland State University in Ohio and one of the most outstanding scholars in the field “History of Women Philosophers and Scientists”. With her groundbreaking four volumes “A History of Women Philosophers“, she created a thorough overview which is highly praised by leading experts. Mary Ellen Waithe directs the “Society for the Study of Women Philosophers” which promotes the scholarship by and about women philosophers. In the biannually Libori Summer School and Autumn School, she is keynote speaker and honorary guest. For her, “Paderborn is a unique place to study the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists”

In my position as the manager of the project “Center History of Women Philosophers and Scientists”, I am very honored to welcome guest to our First International Libori Summer School 2017 at Paderborn University. Among other things, I organize the Libori Summer School which will be an annual event at Paderborn University. We proudly welcome national and international scholars and students here in Paderborn. In addition to the organization of our events, I administer the entire project “Center History of Women Philosophers and Scientists”. Therefore, I am the contact person for our team as well as for you who are interested in our Libori Summer School 2017 and doing research at the Center. Since it is our goal to ensure a most pleasant stay at the Libori Summer School, please do not hesitate to contact me regarding all administrative issues:

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Julia Mühl  
Center manager



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# **COURSES**

**The Libori Summer School offers five parallel courses led by internationally recognized experts in this field. All courses are held in English. Participation is free.**

### DESCRIPTION

This is the second course led by Prof. Dr. Mary Ellen Waithe based on the second book of her four volumes “A History of Women Philosophers”, where the instructor of this class, Prof. Dr. Mary Ellen Waithe, created a thorough overview over female thinkers, authors, and scientists within the history of philosophy. Together with her special guest Reverend Dr. Conley, who will give an insight into the Arnauld women’s philosophy, the instructor will read, investigate, and discuss the works of Women Philosophers of the Medieval and Renaissance Periods. Particular emphasis will also be placed on Hildegard of Bingen. From July 19th to July 21st, 2017, preceding the course, a “Hildegard of Bingen Guided Tour” is offered to interested students and scholars. Within

the Libori Summer School, Julia Leries will introduce into the concepts of nature and environment in Hildegard of Bingen’s work.

### LECTURER

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(Cleveland State University, USA)

### SPECIAL GUEST

Prof. Dr. John Conley SJ.  
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# 1. WOMEN PHILOSOPHERS MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE PERIODS



## 2. ÉMILIE DU CHÂTELET ON MATTER, BODIES, FORCES, AND MOTION PART II

### DESCRIPTION

The Libori Summer School “Émilie Du Châtelet: Matter, Bodies, Forces, Motion” aims to take a closer look on the complexities and interrelations between metaphysical reasoning, mathematical demonstrative methodology, and experimental philosophy beyond the outdated empiricism-rationalism scheme, focusing on the conceptual foundations and formations of theories of motion. This development can be understood best as emancipation from Cartesianism, Newtonianism, and Leibnizianism. Émilie Du Châtelet played a key role for this foundational change. Encouraged by the reception of Newton’s Principia in France after 1730 by Voltaire and Pierre Louis Moreau de Maupertuis and by the experimental results obtained

by Willem Jacob ‘s Gravesande, Du Châtelet constructed an advanced interpretation of Galileo’s experimental results in terms of early Leibnizian notions which was independent from Leibniz’ later metaphysics.

### LECTURER

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**DESCRIPTION**

Since its inception, the phenomenological movement attracted and promoted the thought of women. This course will introduce students to the works of three women in early phenomenology: Hedwig Conrad-Martius, Edith Stein, and Gerda Walther. What makes each of these women interesting are not only their criticisms of Husserl, but their original contributions to phenomenological philosophy. After presenting a brief overview of Husserl's philosophy, and the points that divided the "realist" and the "pure" phenomenologists, key texts from each of these women will be read and discussed. We will also discuss the biographies of these women, and how their lived-experiences and their philosophies are intertwined. Topics will

include: the realism/idealism debate, being and reality, the status of the I, the concept of the person, empathy, and the essence of religious experience.

**LECTURER**

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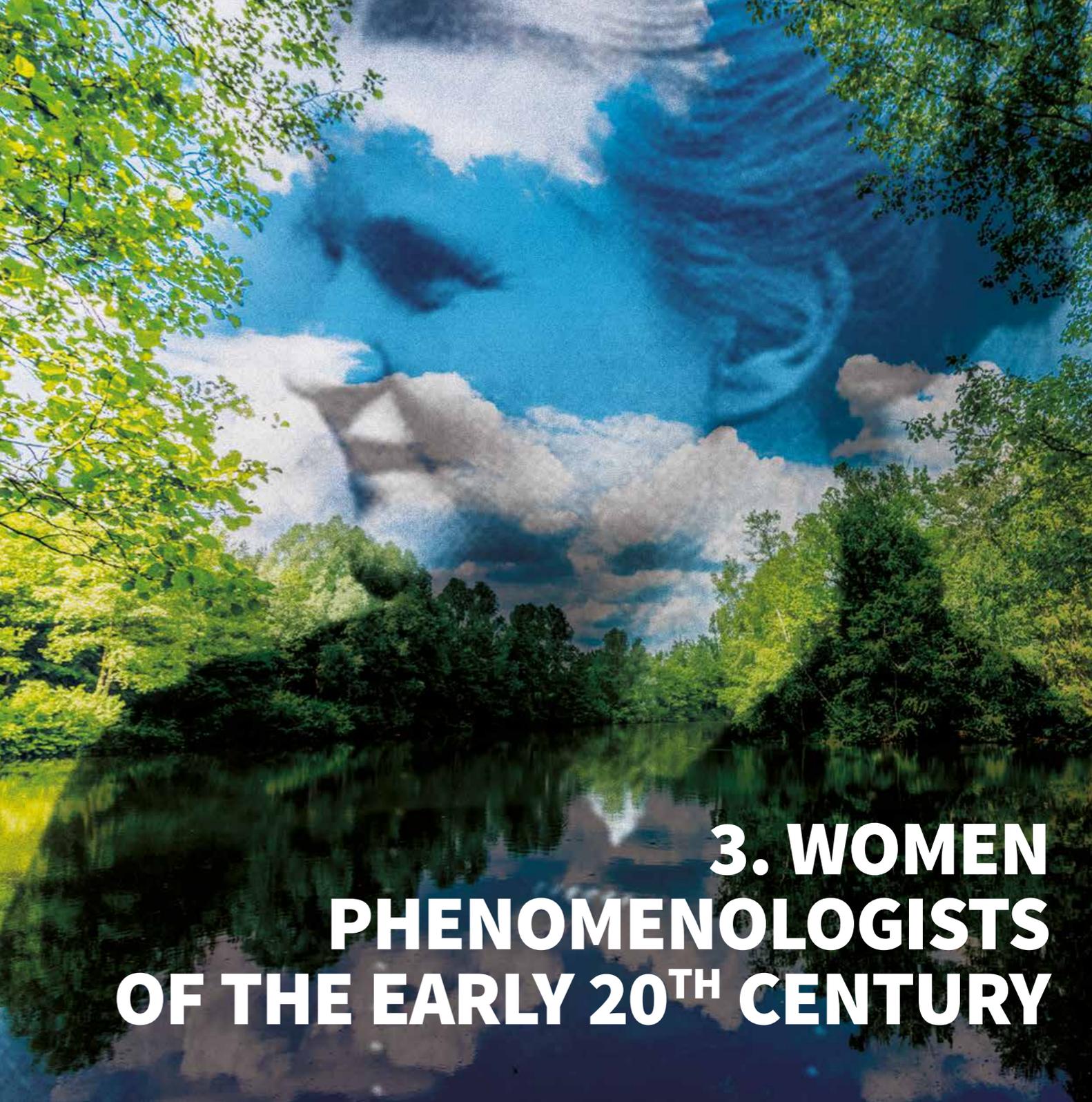
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# 3. WOMEN PHENOMENOLOGISTS OF THE EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY



## 4. HELENE DRUSKOWITZ AND MODERN MISANDRY

### DESCRIPTION

Some would argue, misandry (man-hating), though more covertly than misogyny, has always been present in the public discourse of our civilization. However, around the end of the 19th century we have two different movements arising: feminism and misandry.

The focus of our investigation will be on Helene (von) Druskowitz (1856–1918). Her initial enthusiasm for Nietzsche and his philosophical positions were soon replaced by resentment and disillusionment. She turned into a severe critic of his works. As an antithesis to Nietzsche's antifeminist positions, Druskowitz forms her radically feminist position that culminates in her work *Pessimistic Cardinal Propositions* –

*Man as a Logical and Moral Impossibility* from 1905. In it, she depicts a dark futuristic philosophical anti-utopia in which men are destroying the world and fantasizes about the world that would flourish, if it were solely inhabited by women. With such radical positions, she was more than 60 years ahead of her time.

### LECTURER

Dr. Dr. Luka Borsic  
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### **A DEPRESSING TRUTH: SO MANY COUNTRIES, WHERE WOMEN ARE WORTH NOTHING**

Research was carried out in Afghanistan, in India, in Eastern Congo and in international refugee camps in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and on the Greek island of Lesbos.

### **STORIES, BACKGROUNDS, POLITICAL SITUATIONS AND MOTIONS**

A UN-list stood at the beginning. The title of the list: Countries in which it is the greatest danger to be born as a girl. The list started with Afghanistan, followed by India, the Congo and so on. A nightmare. Girls and women are worth nothing, they are condemned to an early death.

In the Libori Summer School Maria von Welser, an internationally renowned TV-journalist and now a successful publicist, will present the outrageous life-situation of women and children in these countries. Every day another country, following the UN-list.

Maria von Welser also traveled into Turkey, the Lebanon, to Jordan and on the Greek island of Lesbos. Where she found women

and children in a devastating situation. Being refugees between the borders. After a horrible escape from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan, they are now living in camps where there is no way back or forwards for them. Because Europe closed its borders. The most men went first, sitting now in camps, for example in Germany, waiting to be granted asylum.

The participants of these seminars will not only find out a lot about the political backgrounds, but hear as well the stories of refugee-women, children, their families and the situation they are confronted with. This seminar should give you a picture of the life-situation, many women and children are still today forced to live in.

#### **LECTURER**

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## **5. WOMEN'S WORLD TODAY: REFUGEE WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN THE MEDIA**



# CREDITS & APPLICATION

Credit points will be awarded for successful participation in the courses, comprising 30 contact hours (3 ECTS) and the composition of a 20-page paper related to the contents of the respective course (3 ECTS). The students are expected to participate in the plenary presentations and discussions.

International students, whose credit system differs from the European, can earn an additional ECTS-point if it allows them to translate the ECTS into their national system (e.g. 7 ECTS are generally translated into 4 SCH). To acquire the additional ECTS-point, the students are required to prepare a presentation on a related current research-project in the field of HWPS. If possible, introducing a project of the university of origin to the scholars would be ideal. This presentation should be prepared in English and be no longer than 20 minutes before discussion.

As a student from outside of the European ECTS-Cooperation of Erasmus, if you wish to receive credit for your Summer School

course, you will need to contact either your Study Abroad Office or the office in your university that deals with external credit. We strongly advise you to do this before you apply. Since it is up to your home institution to decide how much credit is awarded as credits are not printed on Summer School transcripts. The numbers offered in this statement are based on average calculations, but the awarded ECTS need to be converted your Study Abroad Office or corresponding office individually.

## **TO APPLY, PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING BY JULY 15TH, 2017**

1. A brief curriculum vitae of no more than two pages.
2. A letter of motivation of no more than one page.
3. A statement of intent, which two courses would be your preference of attending.

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*Please note that the Libori Summer School takes place within the popular Libori Festival Week with visitors from all over the world. Book your room as soon as possible.*

# HILDEGARD OF BINGEN GUIDED TOUR

Immerse yourself in philosophy by women of the Medieval period by walking in Hildegard of Bingen's footsteps. This program includes:

- Two weeks' single-occupancy hotel at Paderborn University with breakfast and bus ticket for the whole stay (July 17th to July 30th, 2017)
- Opening on the day of arrival (July 17th, 2017)
- Tour of Paderborn University including lunch (July 18th, 2017)
- Welcoming dinner in historic Paderborn (July 18th, 2017)
- Tour of historic Paderborn sites (July 18th, 2017)
- Luxury bus tour to historic Bingen and Rudesheim with 2 nights' accommodation and all meals provided (July 19th to July 21st, 2017)

- Five hour Rhine River cruise through an enchanted land of medieval castles (July 20th, 2017)
- Guided tour of Benedictine Abbey of Saint Hildegard (July 19th, 2017)
- Guided Tour Hildegard Museum am Strom (July 20th, 2017)
- Explore ruins of Hildegard's original convent (July 21st, 2017)



## PLUS:

Five days classroom instruction (10 am – 12.30 pm; 2-5 pm) on Medieval Women Philosophers: Heloise, Hildegard, Mechthild of Magdeburg, Tullia d'Aragona, Catarina da Siena, Julian of Norwich and a taste of early modern women philosophers of the Arnould family. (July 24th to July 28th, 2017)

The Libori Summer School starts with an Opening Ceremony on July 23rd, 2017. A theatrical performance with presentation of certificates at the Closing Ceremony ends the Libori Summer School on July 28th, 2017.

*All potentially interested in the Hildegard von Bingen Guided Tour are kindly requested to register by April 30th, 2017.*

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Becker Event-Concept

Costs: 2500 euros/person

## HILDEGARD VON BINGEN GUIDED TOUR (JULY 19TH TO 21ST, 2017)

Our Executive Sprinter Mercedes Benz Conference Van picks you up from your hotel after breakfast on July 19th, 2017 to the place where vineyards frame the gateway to the UNESCO World Heritage Site "Upper Middle Rhine Valley" at the cultural wine villages of Bingen, Rudesheim, and Assmannshausen. In Rudesheim we will stroll along the world-famous "Drosselgasse" with its cheerful atmosphere and start our relaxing boat trip along the Rhine past mediaeval castles and ancient villages of half-timbered buildings. The 475-year-old inn, our \*\*\*\*\*Hotel Krone in Assmannshausen, has all the comfort and convenience of a five-star hotel and is located in the very heart of this historical, romantic, and picturesque vineyard landscape near Rheinstein and Reichenstein Castle. Please note that all meals are included in this tour.



**BENEDICTINE ABBEY OF SAINT HILDEGARD  
(JULY 19TH, 2017)**

On our first day we are going to visit Hildegard's second monastery in Eibingen near Rudesheim and talk to an expert nun about life in keeping with the traditions of Saint Hildegard. The Abbey is the subsequent monastery of Rupertsberg (1148/9) founded originally in 1165 and rebuilt around 1900. You will be greeted by a stunning panoramic view of the Middle Rhine Valley and the tranquility of the abbey church.

**HILDEGARD MUSEUM AM STROM AND GARDEN  
(JULY 20TH, 2017)**

Discover the museum's large Hildegard exhibition. In fascinating models, the historical monasteries take shape again while impressive art and musical works, precious originals (e.g. the first print of "Physica" from 1553), and elaborate graphics make her life and works vivid. In addition to the Hildegard of Bingen exhibition in the neighboring Museum am Strom, the garden contains a large variety of plants that Hildegard described in her natural works.

**RIVERBOAT CRUISE BINGEN – ST. GOAR ROUND  
TRIP (JULY 20TH, 2017)**

A riverboat cruise on the Rhine is the perfect complement to our Hildegard discovery tour in Bingen, Odernheim, and Rudesheim. We will start our cruise at Bingen, where we will sit back and enjoy the views of the vineyards, the picturesque landscapes, villages, and castles.

**MONASTRY RUINS AT DISIBODENBERG  
(JULY 21ST, 2017)**

At the age of 14, Hildegard of Bingen moved into the nun's convent in the monastery at Disibodenberg where she received her education and in 1141, started to write her first work "Scivias". Before going back to Paderborn, we will explore the ruins, which are at the top of the hill, embedded into a romantic park environment.





## EVENING AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Sunday, July 23rd, 2017:  
Opening ceremony at the “Deelenhaus”
- Monday, July 24th, 2017:  
morning/afternoon: courses, scheduled from 10 am to 12.30 pm and 2 to 5 pm –  
evening: time at leisure
- Tuesday, July 25th, 2017:  
morning/afternoon: courses  
evening: talk
- Wednesday, July 26th, 2017:  
morning/afternoon: courses  
evening: attending the Libori Festival
- Thursday, July 27th, 2017:  
morning/afternoon: courses  
evening: time at leisure
- Friday, July 28th, 2017:  
morning/afternoon: courses  
evening: closing ceremony

Explore and enjoy the cultural atmosphere of Paderborn and its surroundings. Have a stroll along the 200 Pader Springs at the northern and western side of the cathedral and discover the “Kaiserpfalz”, the foundation of Charlemagne's palace. Enjoy Neuhaus Castle in style of Weser-Renaissance with its park. Find the spot where witch trials took place near the Wewelsburg. Discover stone tools from the Upper Paleolithic at the Externsteine – a truly enchanting place. And finally, visit the world's largest computer museum.





# GENERAL INFORMATION

## HOW TO GET THERE

For international guests, it is especially convenient to fly via Munich to Paderborn-Lippstadt Airport, which is located very close to the country's main road network. It is also easily accessible by bus (Lines S60 and 460).

Please bear in mind that the end of July is holiday season in Paderborn. The Summer School takes place within the popular Libori Festival Week with visitors from all over the world. Therefore we highly recommend to book rooms as soon as possible – best before April 2017.

## ACCOMMODATIONS (SELECTION)

St. Michaelskloster  
Haus Maria Immaculata  
Liborianum  
Youth Hostel Paderborn  
Campus Lounge Paderborn  
IN VIA Hotel  
Ibis Paderborn City Hotel  
B&B Hotel





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