Preliminary Program


German Historical Institute, Rome (place of venue)

German Historical Institute, Warsaw

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

14:00  Welcome: Martin Baumeister (GHI Rome)

Carolin Kosuch (GHI Rome):

Introduction "Secularism and Freethought from a European Perspective"

Section I: Freethought in European National Movements

Chair: Viviana Mellone

14:30–17:45

Presentations

14:30  Anton Jansson (University of Göteborg)
      Tracing the Genealogy of Modern Secular Sweden: Late 19th Century Secularists on the Nation and the State

14:55  Yuval Jobani (Tel-Aviv University)
      Jewish Secularisms and the Building of the Hebrew Nation (1904–1922)

15:20  Barbara Wagner (University of Warsaw)
      New Country. Poland for and against Freethinkers

15:45  Daniela Haarmann (University of Vienna)
      The Hungarian Republic of Letters – The Magyarization of Hungary in the Early 1800’s

16:15  Coffee Break

16:45–17:45  Todd Weir (University of Groningen): Commentary; Discussion

18:00  Keynote Lecture

Detlef Pollack (WWU Münster)

Secularization – A Contentious Concept in the Historical and Social Sciences

Reception
Thursday, 22 March 2018

Section II: Networks and Organizations of Freethought: National and Transnational
Chair: Árpád von Klimó
9:30‒12:45

Presentations

9:30 Daniel Laqua (Northumbria University, Newcastle)
"The Most Advanced Nation on the Road to Liberty": Nationalism and the International Freethought Federation

9:55 Johannes Gleixner (Collegium Carolinum, Munich)
Diverging Secularities between the Nation and the Movement: The "International of Proletarian Free-Thinkers" in Central and Eastern Europe during the 1920s in a National and International Framework

10:20 Katharina Neef (University of Leipzig/TU of Chemnitz)
The Komitee Konfessionslos. The Politicization of Leaving Church in the early 20th Century

10:45 Jessica R. Strom (University of Connecticut)
Nationalists Abroad: Adriano Lemmi, Giuseppe Mazzini, and Lajos Kossuth

11:15 Coffee Break

11:45‒12:45 Fulvio Conti (University of Florence): Commentary; Discussion

12:45 Lunch Break

14:00

Midday-Lectures:
Monika Wohlrab-Sahr (University of Leipzig)
Multiple Secularities: A Comparative Perspective on the Study of Religion and its Other.

Todd Weir (University of Groningen)
Two Cultures Debate: Secularism and Socialism in Germany 1870 to 1933

15:00 Short Coffee Break

Section III: Identities and Practices of Freethought
Chair: Costanza D'Elia
15:15‒18:00

Presentations
15:15 Laura Fournier Finocchiaro (University of Paris 8)  
Garibaldi and Mazzini: Anticlericalism, Laicism, and the Concept of a National Religion

15:40 Agnieszka Jagodzińska (University of Wrocław)  
From "Civil Christians" to Secular Jews: Modern Identities of Jews in Poland in the 19th and early 20th Centuries

16:05 Antoine Mandret-Degeilh (University of Toulouse/Sciences Po Paris)  
A Secular Avant-Garde? About the Unknown Freethinker Roots of Today’s French Civil Baptism

16:30 Christhardt Henschel (GHI Warsaw)  
Cultures of Reading. Self-Images of Polish Freethinkers

17:00 Coffee Break

17:15–18:00 Jakub Basista (University of Kraków): Commentary; Discussion

20:00 Dinner for all Participants

Friday, 23 March 2018

Section IV: Projects. Freethought, Science and Politics

Chair: Thomas Blanck

9:15–11:00

Presentations

9:15 Carolin Kosuch (GHI Rome)  
Cremation and the Material Culture of 19th Century European Freethought

9:40 Claus Spenninger (LMU Munich)  
Vestiges of a Secular Movement: Scientific Materialism in the 1850s between Emancipation and Technocracy

10:05 Christoffer Leber (LMU Munich)  
Integration through Science? The Monist Movement in Imperial Germany between Nationalism and Internationalism (1910–1915)

10:30 Katalin Straner (EUI Florence/University of Southampton)  
Evolution and Nation in the Press: The Hungarian Reception of Darwinism before and after the Ausgleich (1859–1875)

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30–12:30 Rebekka Habermas (University of Göttingen): Commentary; Discussion

12:30 Lunch
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