Enlightenment Workshop 2020

An interdisciplinary research seminar supported by the Faculty of History, the Faculty of Modern Languages, and the Voltaire Foundation

Convenors:
Nicholas Cronk (Wolfson College) and Avi Lifschitz (Magdalen College)

Mondays at 5:00, Voltaire Foundation, 99 Banbury Road

HILARY TERM

20 Jan.
Maria Floruta, Henrique Laitenberger, Vincent Roy-Di Piazza (Oxford) Religion and Enlightenment
Discussion of Ulrich Lehner, The Catholic Enlightenment (2016);
Dan Edelstein & Anton Matytsin (eds.), Let There Be Enlightenment (2018);
Margaret Jacob, The Secular Enlightenment (2019).

27 Jan.
Béla Kapossy (EPFL/Université de Lausanne) Forms of federalism: Edward Gibbon’s Great Republic of Europe vs. Johannes von Müller’s Bundesrepublik

3 Feb.
Ann Thomson (European University Institute, Florence) Countering Islamophobia in the early 18th century

10 Feb.
Sanja Perovic (King’s College London) Radical translations and the transfer of Revolutionary culture between Britain, France and Italy (1789-1815)

17 Feb.
George Rousseau (Oxford/Bergen) What does the new history of distributed cognition do for Enlightenment Studies?

24 Feb.
Michèle Bokobza Kahan (Tel Aviv University) L’Hospitalité dans les romans d’émigration / Hospitality in novels of emigration

2 Mar.
Philip Dwyer (University of Newcastle, Australia/All Souls College) Violence and the Enlightenment

9 Mar.
Silvia Sebastiani (EHESS, Paris) The orang-utan and the limits of humanity in Enlightenment debates
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TRINITY TERM

27 Apr.  Thomas Maissen (German Historical Institute, Paris)
The Virgin’s republican turn: personification of the body politic in Britain and Europe in the late 17th and 18th centuries

11 May  Emma Rothschild (Harvard)
The immense space of the future in 18th-century France
(George Rousseau Lecture, Grove Auditorium, Magdalen College)

18 May  David Armitage (Harvard/King’s College London)
John Locke, treaties, and the Two Treatises of Government