



Enlightenment Workshop 2018

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Convenors:

Nicholas Cronk (St Edmund Hall) and Avi Lifschitz (Magdalen College)

Hilary Term: Mondays at 5:00, Voltaire Foundation, 99 Banbury Road (except 26 February)

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| 15 January | Chloe Edmondson (Stanford University)
Julie de Lespinasse and the ‘philosophical’ salon:
a data-driven approach |
| 22 January | Katherine Harloe (Reading) and Lucy Russell (Oxford)
Life and (love) letters:
looking in on Winckelmann’s correspondence |
| 29 January | Shiru Lim (University College London)
Philosophical kingship in eighteenth-century Europe:
Frederick II, Catherine II, and the <i>philosophes</i> |
| 5 February | Adam Sutcliffe (King’s College London)
What are Jews for?
Moses Mendelssohn and the problem of Jewish purpose |
| 12 February | Paul Slack (Linacre College, Oxford)
How much did eighteenth-century Enlightenment owe to
seventeenth-century Improvement? |
| 19 February | László Kontler (Central European University, Budapest)
The end of the world in the eighteenth century:
natural catastrophes and Enlightenment perspectives on the
Last Judgment |

- 26 February Barbara Stollberg-Rilinger (University of Münster)
Maria Theresa and the Catholic Enlightenment
*[This session takes place at the Shulman Auditorium, Queen's College;
 see the programme of the preceding colloquium on Maria Theresa]*
- 5 March Elisabeth Décultot (University of Halle-Wittenberg)
Do we need the concept of Enlightenment?
A survey of older and more recent debates

Trinity Term: Thursdays at 5:00, Voltaire Foundation, 99 Banbury Road (except 17 May)

- 26 April Paul Kerry (Brigham Young University / Oxford)
The late German Enlightenment and its temples
- 3 May Darrin McMahon (Dartmouth College, New Hampshire)
Lighting the Enlightenment:
public illumination and the *Siècle des Lumières*
- 10 May Caroline Warman (Jesus College, Oxford)
Patterns of materialist thought:
fragments and formulations from Diderot to Destutt de Tracy
- 17 May Roundtable discussion of Anthony La Vopa's book
The labor of the mind: intellect and gender in Enlightenment cultures (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017)
<http://www.upenn.edu/pennpress/book/toc/15741.html>
[This session takes place at the Old Dining Hall, St Edmund Hall]

Chair: Katherine Ibbett (French). Discussants:

- Joanna Innes (History)
- Karen O'Brien (Humanities Division; English)
- Ritchie Robertson (German)

Respondent: Anthony La Vopa (North Carolina State University)

