LEGACIES OF ENLIGHTENMENT
POSTDOC SYMPOSIUM
Turin Humanities Programme, Fondazione 1563 / Voltaire Foundation
at New College, Oxford, 21 – 22 June 2023
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PROGRAMME

Tuesday 20 June
18.45, dinner, Magdalen Arms
243 Iffley Road, Oxford OX4 1SJ https://www.magdalenarms.co.uk/

Wednesday 21 June
Session 1 (McGregor-Matthews Room, New College, access from the main quad)
9.00-9.15
Welcome and coffee
Chair : Céline Spector

9.15-10.05
ARIANE FICHTL (THP Junior Fellow)
Mental metempsychosis and abolitionist biopolitics as a way to immediate emancipation
10.05-10.55
BRYNNE MCBRYDE (THP Junior Fellow)
Physiognomy, expertise and the limits of universal Enlightenment

coffee

11.10-12.00
TOM PYE (THP Junior Fellow)
The Scottish Enlightenment and the politics of land reform

12.00-12.50
GRAHAM CLURE (THP Junior Fellow)
The grotesque monarchism of Rousseau’s “Considerations on Poland”
lunch

Session 2 (McGregor-Matthews Room, New College)

Chair: Michael Drolet

2.00-2.50
GIUSEPPE GRIECO (City, University of London)
Vico, the Neapolitan Enlightenment, and the foundations of international law

2.50-3.40
GUGLIELMO GABBIADINI (Researcher at the University of Bologna)
Wilhelm von Humboldt and the Basque: literary anthropology and human rights in the age of the Holy Alliance

coffee

3.55-4.45
VALENTINA ALTOPIEDI (Researcher at the University of Torino)
“Woman is born free and remains equal to man in rights”: Olympe de Gouges, thinker of the late Enlightenment

4.45-5.30
ALESSANDRO MAURINI (University of Torino) [online]
Race: The lost legacy of the Declaration of Independence’s Enlightenment project

5.30-6.00
NINO LURAGHI (University of Oxford)
Identity and freedom before the rights of man

6.00
Drinks in the Warden’s Garden

7.15
Conference dinner at New College
Thursday 22 June

Session 3 (McGregor-Matthews Room, New College)

9.00
coffee

Chair: Gillian Pink

9.15-10.05
JEAN-ALEXANDRE PERRAS (Marie Curie Research Fellow, European University Institute in Florence)

*Defining utility at the Berlin “Académie royale des sciences et belles-lettres”*

10.05-10.55
ROMAN KUHN (Newton International Fellow, British Academy, VF)

*Fugitive legacies: crisis, ephemerality and reuses of Enlightenment poetry*

coffee

11.10-12.00
ZOE SCRETI (Astra Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow for Manuscript Studies, VF)

*Presenting the past, creating a legacy: the role of catalogues in perpetuating Enlightenment legacies*

12.00-12.50
RUGGERO SCIUTO (Leverhulme Fellow, Modern Languages Faculty, Oxford)

*From utopia to reality and back: “Le Tombeau du despotisme ministériel” and d’Holbach’s “Morale universelle”*

lunch

afternoon

*Visit to Bodleian Library & presentation of a special exhibition of Enlightenment works.*