

MONDAY / MONTAG (October 7 2024)

12:30 Welcome / Willkommensgrüße
VĚRA SOUKUPOVÁ (Praha)
MARIUS KRAUS (Dresden)

13:00 The Power of Invectivity and the
 Techniques of Invective Asymmetrisation.
 An Introduction
MARIUS KRAUS (Dresden)
MATOUŠ JALUŠKA (Praha)

PANEL I:

**THE RENAISSANCE OF DISPARAGEMENT
 FUNCTIONALISM OF INVECTIVITY AND ASYMMETRISATION**

- Chair: GERD SCHWERHOFF -

13:40 The Art of (Re-)Creating Invectives from the Past.
 The Case of Jan Długosz (1415-1480)
ZDZISŁAW KOCZARSKI (Lublin)

14:20 The Grand Prince Behaves like an Antique Tyrannical
 Emperor. About the Character Assassination
 of Ivan the Terrible in Central and Eastern Euro-
 pean Renaissance Texts
CORNELIA SOLDAT (Köln)

15:00 **COFFEE AND TEA BREAK / KAFFEE- UND TEEPAUSE**

PANEL II:**AFFECTIVE ASYMMETRIES****GENDER AND EMOTION PERSPECTIVES**

- Chair: PABLO M. BORGIALLI -

15:30 Hate Speech? Asymmetries and Invective Com-
 munication in Medieval Gender Relations
JULIA BURKHARDT (München)

16:10 Ehelichkeit – Unehelichkeit – Unehrlichkeit.
 „Hure“, „Hurensohn“ und ihre Herabsetzung in
 der Frühen Neuzeit
RONNY STEINICKE (Dresden)

16:50 Asymmetrical Emotional Ascription or How to
 Measure Prejudice and Empathy Walls in Premod-
 ern Polarized Societies. A Case-Study of Medieval
 Livonia
WOJTEK JEZERSKI (Göteborg)

17:30 **COFFEE AND TEA BREAK / KAFFEE- UND TEEPAUSE**

18:00 **KEY NOTE LECTURE / ABENDVORTRAG**
Ad hominem. Invective and the Art of Insult
ANITA TRANINGER (Berlin)

TUESDAY / DIENSTAG (October 8 2024)**PANEL III,1:****IDENTITY AND OTHERING****GROUP DYNAMICS OF IN- AND EXCLUSION IN RELIGIOUS CONTEXTS**

- Chair: DUŠAN COUFAL (Anti-Heretical Discourse) -

- Chair: KAJETÁN HOLEČEK (Anti-Judaic Discourse) -

09:00 *Perfidissimi hussite heretici. The Image of the*
Hussites in Fifteenth-Century Sermons from Sile-
sian Manuscript Collections
EWELINA KACZOR (Lublin)

09:40 All the Aces in One Hand. A Medieval Inquisitor's
 Repertoire of Textual Tools
PAVLÍNA CERMANOVÁ (Praha)

10:20 *Mendaces, homicidis peiores, fures. Invectives in*
Medieval Anti-Heretical Writings
ADAM POZNAŃSKI (Lublin)

11:00 **COFFEE AND TEA BREAK / KAFFEE- UND TEEPAUSE**

11:30 Das Pejorativum „jüdisch denkend“
 (ἰουδαϊόφρων) als Element der antilateinischen
 Polemik in Byzanz
GRIGORI KHISLAVSKI (Erfurt)

12:10 The Language of Exclusion. Labels for Jewish Con-
 verts and their Descendants in the 15th and 16th
 Century Adriatic Space and their Use
BENJAMIN SCHELLER (Duisburg-Essen)

12:50 **LUNCH BREAK / MITTAGSPAUSE**

PANEL III,2:**IDENTITY AND OTHERING****GROUP DYNAMICS OF IN- AND EXCLUSION IN POLITICAL CONTEXTS**

- Chair: CHRISTIAN JASER -

14:30 Insulting the King in 15th Century Bohemia. Politi-
 cum or Religious Engagement?
VÁCLAV ŽŮREK (Praha)

15:10 Asymmetrisation of Powers. Cultural Conflicts
 Against the 'Turks' and Political Propaganda
 Against Rulers of Italy
LUDOVICA SASSO (Münster)

15:50 *Ceterum opinetur ut libet, barbari tamen sunt.*
 Cultural Heritage, National Asymmetrisation, Po-
 litical Claims in the Fight Between Jean d' Hesdin
 and Francesco Petrarca
PABLO M. BORGIALLI (Dresden)

16:30 **COFFEE AND TEA BREAK / KAFFEE- UND TEEPAUSE**

PANEL IV:**THE ART OF INSULT****VISUAL ASPECTS OF INVECTIVE ASYMMETRISATION**

- Chair: STANISLAVA FEDROVÁ -

17:00 Spreading Safe Theological Doctrine, Cult and
 Christian Unity Against Splitting Ideologies and
 Asymmetries. Beautiful Madonna as a Means of
 Consolidations in the Midst of the Crisis of the
 Church
PETR JINDRA (Plzeň)

17:40 Visual Rhetoric of Conflict and its Transformation.
Bohemian Context 14–16th Century
KATEŘINA HORNÍČKOVÁ (Olomouc)
MICHAL ŠRONĚK (České Budějovice)

WEDNESDAY / MITTWOCH (October 9 2024)

PANEL V:

MAKING TRUTH. FIELDS OF CONFLICT, STRATEGIES AND FIGURES

- Chair: VÁCLAV ŽŮREK -

09:00 „Als er geschmäht wurde, die Schmähung nicht erwiderte“ (1 Petrus 2,23). Die Beleidigung Jesu in tschechischen Erbauungsschriften des Spätmittelalters

PAVLÍNA RYCHTEROVÁ (Wien)

09:40 Confrontation or Compromise? Search for Religious Truth in Fifteenth-Century Bohemia: A Case Study of Ctibor Tovačovský

VĚRA SOUKUPOVÁ (Praha)

10:20 Unheard Accusations. Competing Truth Claims on Conspiracy and Fraud in Asymmetrical Power Relations of the Late Middle Ages

MARCEL BUBERT (Münster)

11:00 **COFFEE AND TEA BREAK / KAFFEE- UND TEEPAUSE**

11:30 **CLOSING REMARKS / ABSCHLUSSKOMMENTARE**

GERD SCHWERHOFF (Dresden)

PAVEL SOUKUP (Praha)



When it comes to constituting and maintaining social cohesion, contemporary political discourse usually warns against social polarization and division, while also invoking values such as solidarity and cooperation. From an analytical point of view, however, the roots of human communities are more diverse and contradictory. A group may have come into being by command or consensus, by contract or propaganda, by necessity or kinship, by all at the same time, or in another way altogether. Particularly effective are such concepts that enable a group to recognize and determine itself through some kind of conflict with others. The “we” is thus often constituted in demarcation and in contrast to “the other(s)”.

This mechanism of communication was also decisive in pre-modern Europe, from the Middle Ages to the early modern period. It can be observed in ever-changing constellations, from the confrontation between orthodox believers and “heretics” to the humanists’ vituperation and the Enlightenment’s contempt towards the common people. The manifold patterns of intercommunitary disparagement is the focus of this conference.



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