



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.
