Programme ‘The Radical Enlightenment: The Big Picture and its Details’

Universitaire Stichting, Egmontstraat 11, 1000 Brussels

May 16-17 2013

Thursday 16 May 2013

8.15-8.50 a.m. Welcome and registration (with coffee)

8.50 a.m.-12.15 p.m. Morning session

8.50-8.55 a.m. Welcome by a representative of the Free University of Brussels (Room A)

8.55-9.00 a.m. Opening conference: Steffen Ducheyne (Room A)

9.00-10.00 a.m. Keynote lecture I

Jonathan I. Israel (Room A, Chair: Steffen Ducheyne): Radical Enlightenment: Monism and the Rise of Modern Democratic Republicanism

10.00-11.00 a.m. Keynote lecture II

Wiep van Bunge (Room A, Chair: Jean Paul Van Bendegem): The Waning of the Radical Enlightenment in the Dutch Republic

11.00-11.15 a.m. Coffee break

11.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m. Keynote lecture III

Else Walravens (Room A, Chair: Wiep van Bunge): The Radicality of Johann Christian Edelmann: A Synthesis of Progressive Enlightenment, Pluralism and Spiritualism

12.15-2.00 p.m. Lunch break

2.00-6.45 p.m. Afternoon session

2.00-3.30 p.m. Parallel session I

Room A (Chair: Yoni Van Den Eeden):

Anya Topolski: Tzedekah: The True Religion of Spinoza’s Tractatus
Jetze Touber: The Temple of Jerusalem in Picture and Detail: Biblical Antiquarianism and the Construction of Radical Enlightenment in the Dutch Republic, 1670-1700
Ian Leask: John Toland’s Origines Judaicae: Speaking for Spinoza?

Room B (Chair: Stéphanie Van Droogenbroeck):

Ultán Gillen: Radical Enlightenment and Revolution in 1790s Ireland: The Ideas of Theobald Wolfe Tone
Sonja Lavaert: Radical Enlightenment, Enlightened Subversion, and the Reversal of Spinoza
Julio Seoane-Pinilla: The Transgressive Enlightenment: The Critique of the Present and the Sadeian Order

3.30-5.00 p.m. Parallel session II

Room A (Chair: Yoni Van Den Eeden):

Falk Wunderlich: Late Enlightenment Materialism in Germany: The Case of Christoph Meiners and Michael Hißmann
Paola Rumore: Between Spinozism and Materialism: Buddeus’ Place in the Early German Enlightenment
Arnaud Pelletier: How much Radicality can the Enlightenment tolerate? The Case of Gabriel Wagner (Realis de Vienna) Reconsidered

Room B (Chair: Stéphanie Van Droogenbroeck):

Vasiliki Grigoropoulou: Radical Consciousness in Spinoza and the Case of C. Pamblekis in Greece
George N. Vlahakis: Modern Greek Enlightenment: Radical Enlightenment per se
Nastassja Pugliese: Hume and Spinoza on Imagination: Evaluating Ruptures in the Enlightenment

5.00-5.15 p.m. Coffee break

5.15-6.45 p.m. Parallel session III

Room A (Chair: Wim Van Moer):

Scott Henkel: The Radical Enlightenment and Direct Democracy in the Haitian Revolution
Emiliano Acosta: Multitude, Prophets and Philosophers, Public Opinion and State: Deconstructing and Resituating Spinoza’s Radical Political Thought in the Context of Today’s Crisis of Democracy
David James: The German Idealist Response to the Radical Enlightenment and its Influence: From Fichte to the Frankfurt School

Room B (Chair: Beth Lord):

Rosa Ricci: The inner-light and the Process of Religious Rationalization in the Dutch Collegiants
R. Jagersma and G.W.H. Dijkstra: The unknown Printer of Spinoza finally identified
Patricia Cuoto: The Role of Jan Hendrik Glazemaker in Spinoza’s Network of Radical Thinkers

20.00 p.m. Conference dinner: BOZAR Brasserie, Hortastraat 3, Brussels

Friday 17 May 2013

08.30-09.00 a.m. Coffee

9.00 a.m.-12.15 p.m. Morning Session (with coffee from)

9.00-10.00 a.m. Keynote lecture IV

Winfried Schröder (F. Cattier Room, Chair: Else Walravens):
De Sade: Heir of the Radical Enlightenment?

10.00-11.00 a.m.  Keynote lecture V

**Beth Lord** (F. Cattier Room, Chair: Karl Verstrynge):
What does Spinoza mean by equality in the Theological-Political Treatise?

11.00-11.15 p.m.  Coffee break

11.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m.  Parallel session IV

**F. Cattier Room** (Chair: Karl Verstrynge):

**Marc Van den Bossche**: Marked Subjectivities, Or the View from Somewhere

**Charles Devellennes**: Radical Atheism: Jean Meslier in Context

**Room D** (Chair: Jens Ottuy):

**Devin Vartija**: Enlightenment Discourses of Natural Equality and Racial Classification

**Frederik Stjernfelt**: The Emergence of the “Radical Enlightenment” in Humanist Scholarship

12.15-2.00 p.m.  Lunch break

2.00-5.30 p.m.  **Afternoon Session**

2.00-3.00 p.m.  Keynote lecture IV

**Eric Schliesser** (F. Cattier Room, Chair: Steffen Ducheyne):
Spinoza and Enlightenment: Anti-Mathematics

3.00-4.00 p.m.  Parallel session V

**F. Cattier Room** (Chair: Wim Van Moer):

**Eric Palmer**: Less Radical Enlightenment: A Christian Wing of the French Enlightenment

**Anthony DeSantis**: The Counter Enlightenment: The Big Picture and its Details

**Room D** (Chair: Jens Ottuy):

**Laura A. Macor**: Friedrich Hölderlin and the Secret Order of the Illuminati: History of a Missed Chance

**J.P.T. Geerlings**: Joining the Radical Enlightenment: Johann Konrad Franz von Hatzfeld and the Importance of Belonging

4.00-4.15 p.m.  Coffee Break

4.15-5.15 p.m.  Parallel session V

**F. Cattier Room** (Chair: Steffen Ducheyne):

**Fabien Chareix**: Christiaan Huygens’s *Cosmotheoros*: A Dialogue between Science and Religion

**Alissa MacMillan**: Exorcising Demons: Critiques of Religion from Hobbes and Bekker
Room D (Chair: Emiliano Acosta):

Marie-Frédérique Pellegrin: Radicalism and Feminism: The Case of Poulain de la Barre
Clorinda Donato: Esoteric Reason and Occult Science: Seamless Pursuits in the Work and Networks of Raimondo di Sangro, The Prince of San Severo

5.15-5.20 p.m. Farewell (F. Cattier Room)