

Religion and Free Speech in the Early Modern Period

Spaces, Emotions, and Debates

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Day 1: Thursday 25 November

12:45-13:00 Words of welcome

13:00-15:05 Conference Session A: Spaces of and Limits to Freedom of Expression

Chair: Silke Muylaert

13:00-13:20 – Markus Bardenheuer, *Religious Talk and Its Limits in Early Modern Switzerland*

13:20-13:40 – Jakub Basista, *Polish Brethren and Freedom of Speech in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in the 16th and 17th Centuries*

13:40-14:00 – Q&A session

14:00-14:05 – 5-minute break

14:05-14:25 – Thomas M. Vozar, *Libertas Scholastica and Libertas Philosophandi in the English Revolution, c. 1640-1660*

14:25-14:45 – Lucinda Martin, *The “New Jerusalem”: Amsterdam as Urban Refuge for the Exiled Adherents of Jacob Böhme*

14:45-15:05 – Q&A session

15:05-15:30 Break

15:30 – 16:30 Session B: Truth and Falsehood in Early Modern News

Chair: Nina Schroder

15:30-15:50 – Wouter Kreuze, *The Tension of Truth. Free Speech and the Avvisi*

15:50-16:10 – Timothy Fehler, *“Frothy Discourses, Fictions, and Brain-Sick Fancies”: Truth, Errors, and Lies in News Reporting during the English Civil War*

16:10-16:30 – Q&A session

16:30-17:00 Break

17:00-18:00 Keynote Lecture

Chair: Francesco Quatrini

Freya Sierhuis – *Freedom of Speech and the Languages of Religious Dissent*

18:00-18:15 Break

18:15-19:15 Session C: Freedom of Expression in Writing and the Early Modern Public Sphere

Chair: Francesco Quatrini

18:15-18:35 – Nigel Smith, *Agudeza, The Axe's Edge: Early Modern Poetry, Free Speech and International Politics*

18:35-18:55 – Vera Camden, “*She Being Dead Yet Speaketh*”: *Mary Franklin's Private Papers and Public Speech During the Monmouth Rebellion*

18:55-19:15 – Q&A session

Day 2: Friday 26 November

12:30-14:00 Session D: Ideas of and Debates on Freedom of Expression

Chair: Silke Muylaert

12:30-12:50 – Odile Panetta, *Competing Views on Freedom of Expression in Mid-Sixteenth-Century Switzerland*

12:50-13:10 – Jan Květina, *Golden Virtue or Devil's Temptation? Dispute over Freedom of Political and Religious Speeches in the Polish-Lithuanian Early Modern Discourse*

13:10-13:30 – William Miller, *The Mystic and the Wit: Freedom of Expression and Intersubjectivity in Van Helmont and Shaftesbury*

13:30-14:00 – Q&A Session

14:00-14:20 Break

14:20-16:30 Session E: Freedom of Expression: Between Philosophy and Religion

Chair: Nina Schroder

14:20-14:40 – Pierre Drouot, *Descartes' Philosophy of Truth: A Foundation of Free Speech and Democracy?*

14:40-15:00 – Chris Doude van Troostwijk – *Parrhesia: speech-acts of the spirit*

15:00-15:20 – Q&A Session

15:20-15:30 – Break

15:30-15:50 – Chris K. Huebner, *Anabaptism and Early Modern Philosophy: A Cavellian Exploration*

15:50-16:10 – Marius van Hoogstraten, *The Anabaptist Ban on the Threshold of (Un)Free Speech*

16:10-16:30 – Q&A Session

16:30-17:00 Tea Break

17:00-18:00 Keynote Lecture

Chair: Silke Muylaert

Martin van Gelderen – *Republic and Toleration: Grotius and Rembrandt in the Dutch Public Sphere*

18:00-18:15 Break

18:15 – 19:15 Session F: Practices of Free Expression in Early Modern Europe

Chair: Francesco Quatrini

18:15-18:35 – David Manning, *Speaking Freely, no Free Speech; or a Friend's Testimony: The Case of James Parnell*

18:35-18:55 – Erica Heinsen-Roach, *Captivity Accounts, Religion, and Freedom of Expression*

18:55-19:15 – Q&A Session

19:15-19:30 Closing Remarks