

Organization

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Workshop Venue

Online. The workshops will be conducted
as a Zoom meeting. The languages are
English and French.

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Few notions have played such a central role in the various fields
of European intellectual, political, religious and cultural history
as those of 'Lumières', 'Enlightenment' and 'Aufklärung'. Among
the vast range of meanings associated with these terms, two
broad types of usage stand out. On the one hand, in a norma-
tive sense, these notions refer to a certain number of concepts,
phenomena or values that are universal and un- or trans-histo-
rical. In this context, the notion of 'Enlightenment' is primarily
understood as a principle that may be realised in all times and
places. On the other hand, and inseparable from this first mean-
ing, this notion also refers to the period when these concepts
and values were supposedly elaborated and became political
and social realities, that is to say a broad period loosely centred
around the eighteenth century.

Both these senses of the concepts of 'Lumières', 'Enlightenment'
and 'Aufklärung' already exist in the eighteenth century. But it
is from the nineteenth century in particular that they really devel-
op, under the double impact of the historical distancing of the
eighteenth century, and of the modern relevance of the ideas or
values emblematically attributed to that century.

The object of the proposed workshops is to organise and analyse,
in their multiple developments, the meanings and functions
acquired by these concepts in the period 1800-1980.

Inventions of Enlightenment

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The emergence and use of the con- cepts of **Lumières**, **Enlightenment** and **Aufklärung** between 1800 and 1980

Three online workshops

18 October / 25 October / 15 November 2021

Liberté, Liberty, Century of Philo-
sophy, **Öffentlichkeit**, Le
dix-huitième siècle, L'esprit des
Lumières, Das 18. Jahrhundert,
Egalité, Philosophie der Aufklä-
rung, Encyclopédie, Religious tol-
erance, Dialektik der Aufklärung,
Emanzipation, Instrumentelle
Vernunft, Überwachen und Stra-
fen, „Unvollendete Aufklärung“,
Re:enlightenment, Lumières
aujourd'hui, Age of Enlighten-
ment, Öffentlichkeit, Dei delitti
e delle pene, Liberty, Liberté,
Egalité, Fortschritt, **Fraternité**,
Aufklärung im 21. Jahrhundert,
Public, Settecento, Abolition,
Öffentlichkeit, Fortschritt, Rad-
ical Enlightenment, Perfectibili-
té, Gazette, **Toleranz**, Salons,
Vorurteilskritik, Revolution, Uni-
versalität, **Slavery**, Commerce
triangulaire, Bildung, Kolonialis-
mus, **Cosmopolitismo**, Erzie-
hung, „Das unvollendete Projekt
der Moderne“, Mitleid, Age of
Enlightenment, Philanthropia,
Siècle des Lumières, Gesell-
schaft, Société, Gens de lettres,
Anti-Lumières, Age of Reason,
Universalité, Century of Philo-
sophy, Das 18. Jahrhundert,
Le dix-huitième siècle, **Philos-
ophie der Aufklärung**,
Encyclopédie, Bildung, Droits
de l'homme, Vorurteilskritik, Dia-
lektik der Aufklärung, Fortschritt,
Bildung, Revolution, Universalité,
Religionskritik, Commerce
triangulaire, Bildung, Erziehung,
Öffentlichkeit, Liberté, „Unvoll-
endete Aufklärung“, Re:enligh-

Kolonialismus, Überwachen und
Strafen, Egalité, Public, Bildung,
Dei delitti e delle pene, Frater-
nité, Toleranz, Aufklärung im 21.
Jahrhundert, Freedom, Public,
Öffentlichkeit, Abolition, Rad-
ical Enlightenment, Presse, Gazette,
Salons, Revolution, Age of En-



PROGRAM

18.10.2021, 1 PM – 19th century

1 PM – Nicholas Cronk/Elisabeth Décultot

Welcome and Introduction

1.30 PM – Christian Helmreich (Halle)

La notion de Lumières chez Victor Cousin et François Guizot

2.15 PM – Daniel Weidner (Halle)

Unveiling or Inventing the Enlightenment? Bruno Bauer, David Friedrich Strauss, and the Tradition of Eighteenth Century Critique

3 PM – Elisabeth Décultot (Halle)

Alexis de Tocqueville et Hermann Hettner, 1856 : deux historiens face au XVIIIe siècle

4.15 PM – Francesca Iannelli (Rome)

Dealing with the Aufklärung: Hegel and the Young Hegelians facing the Enlightenment

5 PM – Stephane Zékian (Lyon/Paris)

Le XVIIIe siècle à l'épreuve des concours. Le cas du prix d'éloquence à l'Académie française (1844–1904)

25.10.2021, 1 PM – 19th and 20th century

1 PM – Brian Young (Oxford)

After Carlyle: English notions of the Enlightenment in the nineteenth century

1.45 PM – Andrew Kahn (Oxford)

The notion of ›prosveshchenie‹ in Russia, c. 1850–1940

2.30 PM – Avi Lifschitz (Oxford)

Wilhelm Dilthey's ›Aufklärung‹

3.45 PM – Nicholas Cronk (Oxford)

Gustave Lanson's ›Lumières‹

4.30 PM – Annette Meyer (Munich)

Enlightenment as an Antidote. Forms of appropriation in the Weimar Republic

5.15 PM – Mike Rottmann (Halle)

Historical Scholarship and Political Action. Interpreted Enlightenment after 1930: From Hannah Arendt to Gershom Scholem

15.11.2021, 1 PM – 20th century

1 PM – Daniel Fulda (Halle)

»The time of enlightenment is here again« (A. Ruge). Activist Appropriations of Aufklärung in the pre-March and the post-WWII era

1.45 PM – Alexander Schmidt (Nashville)

Reflecting the Sonderweg: Ernst Troeltsch, Leo Strauss, and Enlightenment Natural Law in the Age of Democracy

2.30 PM – Gregory S. Brown (Oxford)

The ›Heavenly City‹ in Post-War America: The ›Liberal Imagination‹ meets the ›Brute Facts of Politics‹. The Context to Peter Gay's Enlightenment

3.45 PM – Ruggero Sciuto (Oxford)

The Venturi Antidote: Eleonora de Fonseca Pimentel and the Radical Enlightenment

4.30 PM – Philippe Büttgen (Paris)

Lumières et Aufklärung chez Michel Foucault

5.15 PM – James Schmidt (Boston)

Nihilism, Enlightenment, and the New Failure of Nerve: 1941–1947

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