



#### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

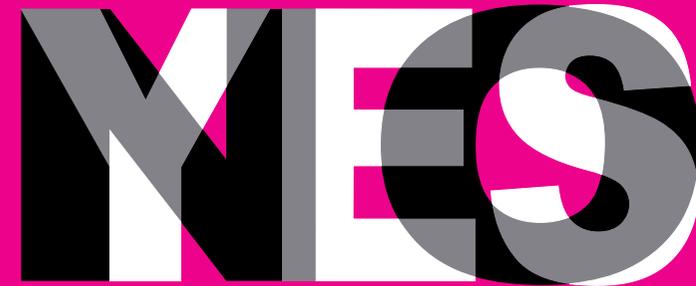
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## The Emergence of Impartiality

### Towards a Prehistory of Objectivity

From the early seventeenth century onwards, the epithet ›impartial‹ appears ubiquitously in publications from different disciplines, figuring in the titles of works of history, economy, law and philosophy, as well as histories of the church and of emerging nation states.

The objective of the conference is to map out the contexts in which impartiality emerged as a key tenet of learned practices during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and to describe the implications of the changing self-descriptions of different cultures of knowledge. Papers will trace the notion of impartiality in various discourses, and thus contribute to a deeper understanding of the emergence and development of this ›travelling concept‹, the routes it took, and the role played by various discursive fields in shaping it. A particular focus of attention is the relationship of impartiality to the modern notion of objectivity.

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## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY, 14 JULY

- 14.30–15.00 Registration and Coffee / Tea
- 15.00–15.30 **KATHRYN MURPHY / ANITA TRANINGER**  
Welcome  
Introduction: Instances of Impartiality
- 15.30–16.30 **JOAD RAYMOND**  
**UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA**  
Exporting Impartiality
- 16.30–17.30 **ANNE EUSTERSCHULTE**  
**FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN**  
*Pierre Bayle's Dictionnaire historique et critique* and the Approach to Objectivity in Historiography. Controversial Issues and Methodical Debates in the Early Eighteenth Century
- 17.30–18.00 Refreshments
- 18.00–19.00 **ANJA ZIMMERMANN**  
**UNIVERSITÄT OLDENBURG**  
(Un-)Parteiliche Betrachter? Visuelle Evidenz in der englischen Kunst des 18. Jahrhunderts

### FRIDAY, 15 JULY

- 9.30–10.30 **RAINER GODEL**  
**MARTIN-LUTHER-UNIVERSITÄT HALLE-WITTENBERG**  
The Rise of Controversies and the Function of Impartiality in the Early Eighteenth Century: Christian Thomasius's ›Händel‹

- 10.30–11.00 Coffee / Tea
- 11.00–12.00 **TAMÁS DEMETER**  
**HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**  
Impartiality without Objectivity: Hume's Case for Separating Moral Evaluation and Moral Philosophy
- 12.00–13.00 **BASTIAN RONGE**  
**FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN**  
Adam Smith's Impartial Spectator as a Revenant of the Stoic Parrhesiast
- 13.00–14.00 Lunch
- 14.00–15.00 **BETH STOVELL**  
**MCMASTER DIVINITY COLLEGE, HAMILTON, ON**  
›Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth?‹ Impartiality and the Schism between Biblical and Systematic Theology
- 15.00–16.00 **RHODRI LEWIS**  
**UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**  
Impartiality and Disingenuousness in Restoration Natural Theology
- 16.00–16.30 Coffee / Tea
- 16.30–17.30 **NATHANIEL STOGDILL**  
**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL**  
Abraham Cowley's Invigorated Impartiality
- 17.30–18.30 **CHRISTINE GERRARD**  
**UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**  
The Language of Impartiality in Party-Political Discourse, 1680–1745

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### SATURDAY, 16 JULY

- 9.30–10.30 **DEREK DUNNE**  
**TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN**  
›Partialitie in a Iudge, is a Turpitude‹: Partial Judges and Impartial Revengers in Early Modern English Drama
- 10.30–11.00 Coffee / Tea
- 11.00–12.00 **BERND ROLING**  
**FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN**  
Bruchstellen im Raster des Artensystems: Carl von Linné und die Folklore
- 12.00–13.00 **HANNS-PETER NEUMANN**  
**MARTIN-LUTHER-UNIVERSITÄT HALLE-WITTENBERG / FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN**  
Objectivity, Impartiality, and Hermeneutics as Means of a Policy of Science in the Leibnizian-Wolffian Discourses between 1715 and 1750
- 13.00–14.00 Lunch
- 14.00–15.00 **GIDEON STIENING**  
**LMU MÜNCHEN**  
Impartiality in Natural Law Theories of the Eighteenth Century
- 15.00–16.00 **NICK HARDY**  
**UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**  
Impartiality and the *ars critica* in Early Modern England
- 16.00–16.30 Concluding Remarks