

Positivismus.Macht.Aufklärung

Politicization of the scientific worldview

Concept and Organisation

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Thursday, 17th September

9:30–10:00 **Opening**

Mitchell G. Ash, Michael Rössner

10:00–10:30 **Concept of the Workshop**

Bernhard Bolech, Johannes Feichtinger, Franz Fillafer, Jan Surman

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

11:00–12:30 **Session 1** (Chair: **Franz Fillafer**)

Sara Muniain Ederra / Jorge Fernández-Santos Ortiz-Iribas: *Mapping the Institutionalisation of 'Protopositivism' in Bourbon Spain*

Denise Phillips *'Positive Knowledge': The History of a Category in Vormärz Intellectual Culture*

12:30–14:00 Lunch Break

14:00–15:30 **Session 2** (Chair: **Thomas Brandstetter**)

Daniel Becquemont *Positivism(s): British Empiricism and French Principles*

Kaat Wils *Between Politics, Religion and Humanities. Positivism in Belgium and the Netherlands, 1845–1914*

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

16:00–17:30 **Session 3** (Chair: **Jan Surman**)

Libuše Heczková *'2 x 2 = 4' Dispute between T.G. Masaryk and František Krejčí over the Approaches to Truth and Science*

Tomasz Sobieraj *From Realism to Neo-Kantianism – the Case of Aleksander Świątchowski, the Leader of Polish Positivism*

17:30–18:00 **Commentary**

Bernhard Plé

Friday, 18th September

9:00–11:15 **Session 4** (Chair: **Bernhard Bolech**)

Maja Soboleva *Positive Philosophy as a Means of Social Engineering in Russia*

M. Sait Özerverli *The Transmission of Positivism to Eastern Cultures: Debates over the Introduction of Positivism to Ottoman Society by 'Young Turks'*

Andreas Braune *Positivism as a Liberal Ideology: Wilhelm Ostwald and the German Monist League*

11:15–11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–13:00 **Session 5** (Chair: **Peter Stachel**)

Eric Nelson *Dilthey, Carnap, and Heidegger: The Feeling of Life and the Overcoming of Metaphysics*

Janek Wasserman *'Absolut unpolitisch': the Verein Ernst Mach and the Radical Politicization of Logical Positivism in Vienna, 1918-1934*

13:00–14:30 Lunch Break

14:30–16:45 **Session 6** (Chair: **Friedrich Stadler**)

Christina Schwartz *Problem Positivism. The Search for Ways to Explain the 'Grand Catastrophe' in German University Principals' Speeches During the Postwar Years 1945-1950*

Richard Beyler *Post-war Post-positivism: Pascual Jordan's Radical Empiricism and the Cultural Meaning of Science in Cold War Germany.*

Thomas König *The forgotten Positivismusstreit in late 1950s Vienna – Topics, Participants, Backgrounds*

17:00–17:30 **Conclusions**

17:30 **End of the Conference**