

Turning Traditions Upside Down Rethinking Giordano Bruno's Enlightenment

International Colloquium, Berlin 2008

Monday/Tuesday, March 3/4, 2008

Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Boltzmannstraße 22, 14195 Berlin



Organizers:
Max Planck Institute for the History of Science,
Berlin
Central European University, Budapest



Schedule

Sunday, March 2, 2008:

Arrival of the participants

17:00 Inauguration of the statue "Giordano Bruno" of Alexander Polzin,
Potsdamer Platz

Monday, March 3, 2008:

08:45 Opening of the Colloquium (Jürgen Renn / Yehuda Elkana)
Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Auditorium

09:00 **Panel 1 Challenging Norms and Institutions. Contemporaries, Comrades,
Antagonists and Early Readers of Bruno**
Presentation: Rivka Feldhay (Tel Aviv University)
Comments: Lorraine Daston (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science,
Berlin)

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 **Panel 2 Reinventing the Roots of Religion. Giordano Bruno as Theologian**
Presentations: Kuno Fuessel (Andernach), Wilhelm Schmidt-Biggemann
(Freie Universität Berlin)
Comments: Almut Sh. Bruckstein (ha'atelier, Berlin)

12:30 Lunch
Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Cafeteria

14:00 **Panel 3 Experience and Vision of a New Cosmic Order. Giordano Bruno's
Natural Philosophy**
Presentations: Miguel A. Granada (Universitat de Barcelona), Enrico Antonio
Giannetto (Università di Bergamo)
Comments: Anne Eusterschulte (Freie Universität Berlin)

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 **Panel 4 Epistemic Practices of a Revolutionary. Bruno's Scientific Methods and Thinking**
Presentations: Angelika Bönker-Vallon (Universität Kassel), Paul Richard Blum (Loyola College, Baltimore)
Comments: Arcangelo Rossi (Università degli Studi di Lecce)

19:30 Public Debate: "Von Nola nach Berlin. Was sagt uns Giordano Bruno heute?"
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Senatssaal

Tuesday, March 4, 2008:

09:00 **Panel 5 Forms of Non-Conformity. Bruno's Works as Literary Texts**
Presentations: Elisabeth Blum (Baltimore), Henning Hufnagel (Freie Universität Berlin), Sergius Kodera (Universität Wien)
Comments: Ingrid Rowland (American Academy, Rom)

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 **Panel 6 Reflections of an Intellectual Burning. Bruno in Art and Literature**
Presentations: Nuccio Ordine (Università della Calabria, Arcavacata di Rende), François Quiviger (Warburg Institute, London)
Comments: Lars Berggren (Åbo Akademi University, Turku)

13:30 Lunch

14:30 Final Discussion and Conclusion Remarks (Jürgen Renn, Yehuda Elkana)

16:00 End of the Colloquium

Departure of the Participants