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Early-Modern Natural Law in Eastern Europe - Conference of the Network on Natural Law 1625-1850

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Discussion of early-modern natural law is dominated not only by relatively few major thinkers and texts, it is also largely limited to Western Europe. The reception of natural law in the political cultures to the east of the old German Empire has only been explored to a limited degree, and the conference will open up for new research and facilitate wider interest by papers devoted to natural law teaching in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Vilnius, Elbląg, Toruń, Prague, Vienna, Tyrnau (Trnava), Sárospatak and Klausenburg (Cluj-Napoca). The particular character of natural law discussions in the different religious and political contexts of Eastern Europe will be highlighted. How were the texts and ideas of natural law received and used? Which texts were prominent? What were the specific contributions of thinkers and users of natural law in Eastern Europe? In keeping with the programme of the Network, the conference is inter-disciplinary in its approach and is mainly, but not exclusively, focused on academic natural law.

Programm

Friday, 22. November 2019

9:00

Bettina Hollstein (Erfurt) and Knud Haakonssen (Erfurt/St Andrews): Welcome address and Introduction

Introduction.

SECTION 1: RUSSIA

9:30

Tatiana Artemyeva (St. Petersburg): Natural law in the system of noble education in Russia.

10:30

- Coffee break -

10:45

Ivo Cerman (České Budějovice): The passionate natural law in Russia: Frédéric-Henri Strube de Piermont.

SECTION 2: POLAND-LITHUANIA

11:45

Anna Grześkowiak-Krwawicz (Warsaw): Why was the political discourse of the Polish-Lithuanian nobility so weakly influenced by natural law?

12:45

- Lunch break -

13:30

Karin Friedrich (Aberdeen): »The wish to legislate on religion is not Polish« (Grotius). The influence of natural law on the discourse of toleration in 17th-century Poland-Lithuania.

14:30

Steffen Huber (Krakow): Natural law in Aaron Alexander Olizarowski's *De politica hominum societate* (1651) and selected courses taught at the University of Vilnius.

15:30

- Coffee break -

16:00

Gábor Gángó (Erfurt/Budapest): Pufendorf's reception in the academic gymnasia of Toruń and Elbląg under Ernest König's directorship.

17:00

Mikkel Munthe Jensen (Erfurt/Gotha): Launch of the Natural Law Database.

17:30 – 18:30

Open planning meeting of the Natural Law Network

19:00

- Dinner -

Saturday, 23. November 2019

SECTION 3: AUSTRIAN EMPIRE

9:00

Martin Schennach (Innsbruck): Natural law in Austrian and Hungarian science of public law in the second half of the 18th century. A comparison.

10:00

Ivo Cerman (České Budějovice): The chairs of natural law in Vienna and Prague 1753–1790.

11:00

- Coffee break -

11:15

Haruyama Yuki (Tokyo): Natural law as moral motivation for poor relief in sermons of Christian priests in Prague in the second half of the 18th century.

12:15

- Lunch break -

SECTION 4: HUNGARY AND TRANSYLVANIA

13:00

Borbála Lovas (Budapest): The dream of freedom, peace and order. Natural law in the works of a Unitarian bishop from the late-16th-century Transylvania.

14:00

Péter Balázs (Szeged): Natural law writers in Unitarian schooling in Transylvania.

15:00

- Coffee break -

15:15

József Simon (Szeged): Political psychology and natural law in the Preface of Miklós Bethlen's Autobiography (1708).

16:15

Gábor Gángó (Erfurt/Budapest) and Béla Mester (Budapest):

Grotius in the disputations of Gisbert Voetius's Hungarian disciples in Utrecht and their reception in Johann Christian von Boineburg's intellectual circle.

17:15 – 18:00

Simone Zurbuchen (Lausanne) moderator:

General discussion, end of the conference.

Venue: The Max Weber Centre, Steinplatz 2, Erfurt.

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