It is a great pleasure to welcome you as renowned specialists to the international conference ‘Elisabeth of Bohemia: Life and Legacy’, which celebrates the fourth centenary of her birth, at Paderborn University.

Prof. Dr. Birgit Riegraf
Elisabeth of Bohemia, also known as Elisabeth Princess Bishop of Herford, was the model of a self-determined, female thinker of her time and beyond – due to both with her vast philosophical and political network. We are grateful to the donor for supporting our endeavors to draw attention to the legacy of Elisabeth of Bohemia/Herford and to promote these achievements in the form of an award.

Prof. Dr. Ruth Hagengruber
The Paderborn-based Center for the “History of Women Philosopher and Scientists” aims at renewing the long-lasting tradition of women philosophers and offers unique opportunities to gain insight into the contributions of women philosophers to the history of ideas.

Prof. Dr. Ruth Hagengruber
I am very honored to receive the first Ulrike Detmers Elisabeth of Bohemia Prize, recognizing my efforts in making accessible and in understanding the philosophical views of Princess Elisabeth.

Prof. Dr. Lisa Shapiro
The Ulrike Detmers Elisabeth of Bohemia Prize underscores my support for recognizing the work being done to raise awareness about women in the history of philosophy, politics and science. It is an important moment now to rehabilitate the work of women philosophers, and to understand their views. Elisabeth of Bohemia is an important representative of this kind of work and an important figure in the history of our region.

Prof. Dr. Ulrike Detmers
AWARD COMMITTEE:
Prof. Dr. Sarah Hutton  Prof. Dr. Ruth Hagengruber  Prof. Dr. Dominik Perler
The citizen’s understanding of the local history of Herford is conditional for shaping its future and ensuring its continued vitality.

Tim Kähler
Tim Kähler, Prof. Dr. Ruth Hagengruber, Prof. Dr. Sarah Hutton, Prof. Dr. Lisa Shapiro, Prof. Dr. Dominik Perler
Welcoming the world’s leading experts on Elisabeth’s philosophical and political legacy here in the province of East Westphalia-Lippe, where she worked and lived during her last thirteen years, is most exciting. We as organizers are looking back fondly on the last few days full of fruitful discussions.

Julia Lerius
Elisabeth of the Palatinate

In East Westphalia-Lippe, Elisabeth of Bohemia is better known as Elisabeth, Princess Bishop of Herford. Elisabeth and her younger sister Sophie of the Palatinate did not only cultivate an extensive philosophical network, but were also key figures in European politics. As daughters of Elisabeth Stuart, they enforced the Act of Settlement, which secured the right of the Hanoverians to the throne of Great Britain, thus they also had direct connections to the English high nobility. Elisabeth used her political influence to stand up for persecuted religious groups and granted asylum to her long-time friend, the famous Anna Maria van Schurman, and a group of Labadists, among others.
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ARIANE CÄCELIE SCHNECK - your presence brought the cure
- JIL MULLER - vernunft und leidenschaften der seele. das beispiel der traurigkeit
- ZACHARY R. AGROFF - elisabeth's challenge for descartes: does the cartesian account of altruistic love necessitate an infinite science?
- CHRIS MEYNS - Bohemia's information
- FREDRIK NILSEN - elisabeth of bohemia and the mind-body problem
- KATARINA PEIXOTO - intentionality and epistemic responsibility in elisabeth of bohemia’s ‘rule of life’
- JULIA FELICIA MÜLLER-SEEWALD - elisabeth von der pfalz and rené descartes – freundschaft, liebe, gelehrenbeziehung oder seelenverwandtschaft?
- VINCENT DARVEAU-ST-PIERRE - elisabeth of bohemia – unveiling rené descartes’s method of encryption
- MARTIN FOG ARNDAL - rewriting history: women’s philosophy in 17th century britain and its 20th century reception
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LISA SHAPIRO • princess elisabeth and the challenges of philosophizing • LILLI ALANEN • the soul’s extension • elisabeth’s solution to descartes’s mind-body problem • NADINE AKKERMAN • elisabeth of bohemia’s aristocratic upbringing and education at the prinsenhof in leiden, 1628-32 • VLAD ALEXANDRESCU • elisabeth and her intellectual circle in the hague • SABRINA EBERSMEYER • elisabeth on astronomy • MIRJAM DE BAAR • elisabeth of bohemia’s lifelong friendship with anna maria van schurman, 1607-1678 • DENIS KAMBOUCHNER • what is elisabeth’s cartesianism?
DOMINIK PERLER - Is our happiness up to us? Elisabeth of Bohemia on the limits of internalism
MICHAIL GIRKE AND SONJA LANGKAFEL - Elisabeth of Bohemia and Herford
GIANNI PAGANINI - Elisabeth and Descartes read Machiavelli: on morals, politics and natural law
CAROL PAL - Elisabeth of Bohemia: Princess and Politico
MARTINA REUTER - Elisabeth’s criticism of Descartes’ notion of the free will
MARIE-FRÉDÉRIQUE PELLEGRIN - Feminine body in the correspondence between Elisabeth and Descartes
SUSANNA ÅKERMAN - Descartes’ competitors: Queen Christina and the metaphysics of lights
SARAH HUTTON - Princess Elisabeth and Anne Conway
Since the year 2018 is the 400th anniversary of Elisabeth’s birth, there is every reason to draw attention to her legacy and to promote further academic research on her work. On Saturday, May 19, 2018, the Elisabeth of Bohemia Prize, donated by Professor Ulrike Detmers, was awarded to Professor Lisa Shapiro who has rendered outstanding services to Elisabeth’s life and work.
Women’s History Group EigenSinn, Herford:
Lore Wörmann, Angelika Bielefeld,
Sonja Langkafel (Head of the Urban Museum in Herford)
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