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Elisabeth of Bohemia (1618-1680) – Life and Legacy

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“The Hannah Arendt Prize is awarded for political thought and activism. The Prix Simone de Beauvoir is awarded for activism supporting gender equality and human rights. The Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists is pleased and proud to join with Professor Detmers in awarding a prize that explicitly honors scholars whose work best acknowledges the contributions of women philosophers in history.”

“The awareness that women have contributed to the philosophical tradition is not very common. But it is important to celebrate our knowledge that women of past centuries were active philosophers who raised their voices and have been heard in former times.”
Elisabeth of Bohemia, Princess Palatine and Abbess of Herford, is best known for her significant and influential letter exchange with the philosopher René Descartes. Born into a royal family with powerful affiliations, the dramatic change of the family brought Elisabeth and her family as exiles to The Hague. There, Elisabeth profited of the vibrating cultural climate. After the restitution of the Palatinate and as the Abbess of Herford, Elisabeth became an influential political figure, famous for her tolerance and support of persecuted religious groups. Throughout her life, Elisabeth engaged in a widespread learned correspondence with many intellectuals of her age, including philosophers, politicians, religious leaders and family members.

including a workshop on

Women in Early Modern Philosophy
"As President of Paderborn University, it is a great pleasure to welcome you as renowned specialists to the international conference 'Elisabeth of Bohemia (1618-1680): Life and Legacy' which celebrates the fourth centenary of her birth at Paderborn University."
Prof. Dr. Ruth Hagengruber, Founder and Director of the Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists: “Welcomes the participants of the Elisabeth of Bohemia Conference 2018.”
The Elisabeth of Bohemia Prize is a prize that celebrates the long history of women in philosophy. The prize is named in honor of the philosopher Elisabeth of Bohemia and is awarded to an internationally recognized philosopher for outstanding services to research on women in the history of philosophy. The Elisabeth von Bohemia Prize is the first prize awarded to acknowledge the history of women philosophers.

This year, the Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists celebrates the centenary of women’s right to vote in Europe. Therefore, the Elisabeth of Bohemia Prize will be awarded to a scholar working on a woman in the history of philosophy who dedicated her life to the fight for women’s equality.
In this respect, there is every reason not only to draw attention to this legacy of Elisabeth of Bohemia/Herford, but also to promote these achievements in the sense of an award. On Saturday, May 19, 2018, the "Elisabeth of Bohemia and Herford Prize", donated by Professor Ulrike Dettmers, has been awarded to Professor Lisa Shapiro who has rendered outstanding services to Elisabeth’s life and work.
Donor of the Elisabeth of Bohemia Prize

Prof. Dr. Ulrike Detmers

➢ Chair of Business Administration, especially Human Resources and Business Organization at Bielefeld University of Applied Sciences

➢ Partner, Member of the Management Board, and Spokeswoman of the Mestemacher Group

➢ First President of the Association of German Bakeries

➢ Since January 1, 2018, Member of the Bertelsmann Foundation Board of Trustees

➢ among others: bearer of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany since 2008
Prof. Dr. Ulrike Detmers, University of Applied Sciences Bielefeld, Donor of the Elisabeth of Bohemia-Award: „The Ulrike Detmers Elisabeth of Bohemia Prize demonstrates a similar vision for recognizing the work being done to raise awareness about women in the history of philosophy and thereby to revitalize the discipline.“
AWARD COMMITTEE:
Prof. Dr. Sarah Hutton, Prof. Dr. Ruth Hagengruber, Prof. Dr. Dominik Perler
“I am very honored to receive the first Ulrike Detmers Elisabeth of Bohemia and Herford Prize, recognizing my efforts in making accessible and in understanding the philosophical views of Princess Elisabeth.”

Prof. Lisa Shapiro
Simon Frazer University, Canada

Laureate 2018
“By the end of 1981 I had concluded that the accomplishments of some one hundred or more women philosophers had been omitted from the standard philosophic reference works and histories of philosophy. We would help restore women's contributions to the history of philosophy through a program of careful research and scholarship.”

Prof. Mary Ellen Waithe
Cleveland State University, Ohio
The Ulrike Dettmers Elisabeth of Bohemia Prize demonstrates a similar vision for recognizing the work being done to raise awareness about women in the history of philosophy and thereby to revitalize the discipline. We are at an important moment right now, with work being done by so many people, including the important work of Prof. Dr. Ruth Hagengruber and the Centre for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists at Paderborn University, to rehabilitate the work of women philosophers throughout our history, to understand their views, and to recognize their connections to other intellectual activity of the periods in which they were writing. Elisabeth of Bohemia is an important representative of this kind of work, and the papers at the conference in honour of her 400th birthday are both recognizing her philosophical insights and opening up new research questions about her intellectual achievements and influence.
Tim Kähler, Mayor of Herford: „The importance of citizens’ understanding the history of the city of Herford for shaping its future and ensuring its continued vitality.”
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**Erster Preis zu Ehren einer Philosophin: Prof. Dr. Ulrike Detmers stiftet Philosophinnen-Preis zum 400. Geburtstag von Elisabeth von Böhmen Herford an das Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists der Universität Paderborn**


„Es ist – meines Wissens nach in ganz Europa – der erste Preis zu Ehren einer Philosophin und soll nun jährlich vergeben werden, um eine international renommierte Philosophin, zu würdigen“, so Prof. Dr. Ruth Hagengruber, Leiterin des Centers HWPS an der Universität Paderborn.

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