

Preliminary Program

Secularities. Freethinkers in the Context of National Movements and the Rise of Nation States in Europe, 1789–1920s

German Historical Institute, Rome (place of venue)

German Historical Institute, Warsaw

Wednesday, 21 March 2018

14:00 Welcome: **Martin Baumeister** (GHI Rome)

Carolin Kosuch (GHI Rome):

Introduction "Secularism and Freethought from a European Perspective"

Section I: Freethought in European National Movements

Chair: **Viviana Mellone**

14:30–17:45

Presentations

14:30 **Anton Jansson** (University of Göteborg)
Tracing the Genealogy of Modern Secular Sweden: Late 19th Century
Secularists on the Nation and the State

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14:55 **Yuval Jobani** (Tel-Aviv University)
Jewish Secularisms and the Building of the Hebrew Nation (1904–1922)

15:20 **Barbara Wagner** (University of Warsaw)
New Country. Poland for and against Freethinkers

15:45 **Daniela Haarmann** (University of Vienna)
The Hungarian Republic of Letters –
The Magyarization of Hungary in the Early 1800's

16:15 Coffee Break

16:45–17:45 **Todd Weir** (University of Groningen): Commentary; Discussion

18:00	Keynote Lecture Detlef Pollack (WWU Münster) Secularization – A Contentious Concept in the Historical and Social Sciences
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Reception

Thursday, 22 March 2018

Section II: Networks and Organizations of Freethought: National and Transnational

Chair: **Árpád von Klimó**

9:30–12:45

Presentations

- 9:30 **Daniel Laqua** (Northumbria University, Newcastle)
"The Most Advanced Nation on the Road to Liberty": Nationalism and the International Freethought Federation
- 9:55 **Johannes Gleixner** (Collegium Carolinum, Munich)
Diverging Secularities between the Nation and the Movement: The "International of Proletarian Free-Thinkers" in Central and Eastern Europe during the 1920s in a National and International Framework
- 10:20 **Katharina Neef** (University of Leipzig/TU of Chemnitz)
The *Komitee Konfessionslos*. The Politicization of Leaving Church in the early 20th Century
- 10:45 **Jessica R. Strom** (University of Connecticut)
Nationalists Abroad: Adriano Lemmi, Giuseppe Mazzini, and Lajos Kossuth
- 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:45–12:45 **Fulvio Conti** (University of Florence): Commentary; Discussion
- 12:45 Lunch Break

14:00 Midday-Lectures:
Monika Wohlrab-Sahr (University of Leipzig)
Multiple Secularities: A Comparative Perspective on the Study of Religion and its Other.

Todd Weir (University of Groningen)
Two Cultures Debate: Secularism and Socialism in Germany 1870 to 1933

15:00 Short Coffee Break

Section III: Identities and Practices of Freethought

Chair: **Costanza D'Elia**

15:15–18:00

Presentations

- 15:15 **Laura Fournier Finocchiaro** (University of Paris 8)
Garibaldi and Mazzini: Anticlericalism, Laicism, and the Concept of a National Religion
- 15:40 **Agnieszka Jagodzińska** (University of Wrocław)
From "Civil Christians" to Secular Jews: Modern Identities of Jews in Poland in the 19th and early 20th Centuries
- 16:05 **Antoine Mandret-Degeilh** (University of Toulouse/Sciences Po Paris)
A Secular Avant-Garde? About the Unknown Freethinker Roots of Today's French Civil Baptism
- 16:30 **Christhardt Henschel** (GHI Warsaw)
Cultures of Reading. Self-Images of Polish Freethinkers
- 17:00 Coffee Break
- 17:15–18:00 **Jakub Basista** (University of Kraków): Commentary; Discussion
- 20:00 Dinner for all Participants

Friday, 23 March 2018

Section IV: Projects. Freethought, Science and Politics

Chair: **Thomas Blanck**

9:15–11:00

Presentations

- 9:15 **Carolyn Kosuch** (GHI Rome)
Cremation and the Material Culture of 19th Century European Freethought
- 9:40 **Claus Spenninger** (LMU Munich)
Vestiges of a Secular Movement: Scientific Materialism in the 1850s between Emancipation and Technocracy
- 10:05 **Christoffer Leber** (LMU Munich)
Integration through Science? The Monist Movement in Imperial Germany between Nationalism and Internationalism (1910–1915)
- 10:30 **Katalin Straner** (EUI Florence/University of Southampton)
Evolution and Nation in the Press: The Hungarian Reception of Darwinism before and after the *Ausgleich* (1859–1875)
- 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:30–12:30 **Rebekka Habermas** (University of Göttingen): Commentary; Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch

13:30 Final Roundtable with **Monika Wohlrab-Sahr**
14:00 End of Conference