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In *The Spectator*, Joseph Addison famously claimed:  
"I shall be ambitious to have it said of me, that I  
have brought Philosophy out of Closets and  
Libraries, Schools and Colleges, to dwell in Clubs  
and Assemblies, at Tea-tables, and in Coffee houses"  
(March 12, 1711). From those clubs and coffee  
houses, arguably not only philosophy but also a  
British culture of sociability spread throughout  
Europe via travel and treatises, consumption and  
commerce, debate and dissent.

Throughout Europe, the acceleration not only of the  
speed of travelling but also of the exchange of ideas  
and narratives, letters and books propelled cultural  
contacts and advanced sociability. While the polite  
society of salons and debating rooms has received  
quite some consideration by now, other places and  
other forms or styles of sociability are still in the  
process of being investigated. "Sociable encounters"  
is thus a topic meant to address a broader range of  
private and public, urban or provincial, professional,  
political or plebeian, formal and also informal  
meetings that led to a meaningful exchange of  
opinions and practices of sociability in Europe and  
ultimately ushered in modernity. Yet how much,  
where, and in which ways, did British sociability  
actually influence sociable practices in the rest  
of Europe? How did it affect cultural practices  
throughout Europe, sociable rituals or even local  
customs? How did sociable meetings between  
individual travelers or groups of travelers with  
their sociable hosts actually proceed, and which  
encounters proved to be meaningful or influential  
in the long run?

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## SOCIABLE ENCOUNTERS

### British Sociability in Enlightenment Europe

International Conference  
31<sup>st</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

## Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018

9:15 am – 9:45 am

Registration

10:00 am – 11:00 am

### Keynote Talk:

Cultural Consumption and Sociability in  
Eighteenth-Century Germany

Michael North (Greifswald)

11:00 am – 11:30 am

*Tea and Coffee*

### Session I: Tourism and Sociability

*Chair: Alain Kerhervé*

11:30 am – 13:00 pm

Touring Empty Graves: Sensibility and  
Sociability in Literary Gardens

Helen Williams (Newcastle)

Coleridge in Germany: Festive Socializing &  
Bacchanalian Sympathy

Kimberley Page-Jones (Brest)

Medicinal Sociability? British Bluestocking  
Sociability and the Continental Spa

Mascha Hansen (Greifswald)

13:00 pm – 14:00 pm

*Lunch Break*

### Session II: Literary Sociability

*Chair: Mascha Hansen*

14:00 pm – 15:30 PM

Private Theatricals and Networks: Elisabeth  
Craven, Margravine of Anspach, and Horace  
Walpole

Susanne Schmid (Berlin)

A Temple to Love and Friendship: Enlightened  
Sociability as Virtuous Ideal and Cultural  
Practice in Frances Brooke's "The History of  
Lady Julia Mandeville" (1763)

Katrin Berndt (Halle-Wittenberg)

Spaces for Thinking through Moral and Social  
Dilemmas: Mixing Genres in Late Eighteenth-  
Century Women's Novels

Yasemin Hacıoglu (Oslo)

15:30 pm – 16:00 pm

*Tea and Coffee*

### Session III: Digitens: New Ideas in Sociability Studies

*Chair: Annick Cossic*

16:00 pm – 16:45 pm

Grisol and Digitens – panel discussion

Input by Valérie Capdeville (Paris)

17:15 pm – 19:00 pm

*Optional: Tour by the Caspar David Friedrich  
Centre*

## Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

### Session I: Professional and Practical Sociability

*Chair: Allan Ingram*

9:30 am – 10:45 am

Charles Macklin and the sociability of the  
'British Inquisition'

Markman Ellis (London)

Philip Thicknesse's Sociable Encounters in  
Europe: Portrait of an Early Europhile

Annick Cossic (Brest)

10:45 am – 11:15 am

*Tea and Coffee*

### Session II: Travel and Sociability

*Chair: Helen Williams*

11:15 am – 12:45 pm

The Cham on the Seine: Dr. Johnson in Paris  
(and Mrs Thrale)

Allan Ingram (Newcastle)

Enlightened Patriotism: Boswell in Corsica,  
Paoli in London

Sebastian Domsch (Greifswald)

Johnson, Boswell and the Hebrides –  
Encounters of the Enlightened Kind?

Rebecca Araya Acosta (Berlin)

12:45 pm – 13:45 pm

*Lunch Break*

### Session III: Commerce, Sports and Sociability

*Chair: Valérie Capdeville*

13:45 pm – 15:15 pm

Sociability and Robinson Crusoe

Jakub Lipski (Bydgoszcz)

Sociable Encounters in Model Commercial  
Letters

Alain Kerhervé (Brest)

Philip Astley's Riding School in Paris in the  
late 1780's

Laurent Turcot via Skype (Québec)

15:15 pm – 15:45 pm

*Tea and Coffee*

### Session IV: Sociability and Philosophy

*Chair: Mascha Hansen*

15:45 pm – 16:45 pm

"'Tis the height of Wisdom, no doubt, to be  
rightly selfish": Religion, Party Feuds, and  
the True Meaning and Scope of Sociability in  
Shaftesbury

Patrick Müller (Dresden)

Hume and de Maistre: Sociable  
Fundamentalism

Michael Szczekalla (Greifswald)

19:30 pm

*Conference Dinner at the Goldmarie*