

The workshop takes place at the
Stiftung Lyrik Kabinett
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This conference aims at investigating the question whether there does exist a historical link between the last and manifold blossoming of a discourse on “Fortuna” between the early 17th century, the final demise of such a discourse roughly after mid-17th century, and the rise of modernity. Our hope as the organizers is that the attempt to answer this question will shed some new light on the question of the beginning and of the multiple forms of modernity.

Debates about “Fortuna” and the final demise of these debates help to understand modernity as a loose “catchword” for highly different early modern forms of thought and practice, their various ways to cope with the issue of contingency and their ambition to reach theoretical certainty and practical stability.

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The End of Fortuna? The Beginning of Modernity? Contingency and Certainty in Early Modern History



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Dosso Dossi
Allegory of fortune
around 1530, Italy

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Friday, March 20, 2015

12.30-1pm Peter Vogt & Arndt Brendecke (Munich): Introduction

Session I: The Successful Career of Fortuna in Early Renaissance

1-1.30pm Susanne Reichlin (Munich): The Stability of the Instable. Affinities of Money and Fortuna in the 15th Century

1.30-2pm Jürgen Müller (Dresden): Fortune, Wisdom or Folly? Allegories of Fortune in the Art of Albrecht Dürer, Urs Graf and Hans Holbein

2-2.30pm Discussion

2.30-3pm Coffee Break

Session II: Fortuna in Renaissance Literature

3-3.30pm Burkhardt Wolf (Berlin): Fortuna's Sea Change. Renaissance Poetics of Contingency

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3.30-4pm Frederick Kiefer (Tucson): "Accidental Judgments" and "Casual Slaughters": Horatio's Encounter with Fortune

4-4.30pm Discussion

4.30-5pm Coffee Break

Session III: Fortuna in Late Renaissance

5-5.30pm Nicolette Mout (Leiden): Lipsius: Fortuna and War

5.30-6pm José M. González García (Madrid): Fortuna in 17th Century Spain: Politics and Literature

6-6.30pm Discussion

7pm Conference Dinner
Georgenhof, Friedrichstr. 1

Saturday, March 21, 2015

Session IV: Fortuna between Providence and Fate

8.30-9am Florence Buttay (Bordeaux): Fortune, nature et providence au début du XVIIe siècle

9-9.30am Franziska Rehlinghaus (Bochum): Farewell to Fortuna turning towards Fate. Changing World Views in 17th Century Germany

9.30-10am Discussion

10-10.30am Coffee Break

Session V: Fortuna and Modernity

10.30-11am Kristiina Savin (Lund): From Fortuna to Risk - Conceptualizing Uncertainty on the Eve of Modernity

11-11.30am Peter Vogt (Munich): The Death of Fortuna and the Rise of Modernity. Prolegomena to any future Theory of Modernity

11.30-12am Discussion