

International Society for Intellectual History Conference 2023  
**Crisis and Change in Intellectual History since c. 1450**  
4–6 September 2023, University of Edinburgh

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September

Playfair Library

**Registration and Coffee (08:30–09:00)**

**Welcome (09:00–09:30)**

Playfair Library

Quad Teaching Room G158

Newhaven Lecture Theatre

**Session 1 (09:30–11:00)**

*Political Education as Response to Political Crisis in the Eighteenth Century*

**Rachel Hammersley**  
(University of Newcastle)

‘Eighteenth-century Political Education and the Society for Constitutional Information’

**Harriet Gray**  
(University of Newcastle)

‘Political Education at Literary and Philosophical Societies’

**Katie East**  
(University of Newcastle)

‘Rehearsing Debate: Political Education via Literary Dialogues’

**Gaby Mahlberg**  
(University of Newcastle)

‘Translation and Political Education: Learning about British Politics and the Constitution in Eighteenth-century Germany’

*Ottoman and Turkish Intellectual History*

**Erginbas Vefa**  
(Providence College)

‘The Crisis of Ottoman Intellectual History in the Early Modern Period: Revisiting Ottoman Enlightenment’

**Ebrar Küçükaşçı  
& Adile Setef Ateş**  
(Koç University)

‘Exploring the Transitional Intellectual Landscape of Izmir: From the Ottoman Era to the Republic’

*Devotion, Gender, and Learning*

**Ashley Brown**  
(University of Glasgow)

‘A Crisis for Academic Masculinities? Melvillian Reform at the University of St Andrews and its Impact on Gender’

**Naomi Choi**  
(University of Edinburgh)

‘Personal Crisis as a Source of Knowledge: The Writings of Johanna Eleonora Petersen (1644 - 1724)’

**Coffee (11:00–11:30)**

**Session 2 (11:30–13:00)**

<p><i>Crisis and the British Constitution in the Eighteenth Century</i></p> <p><b>Boaz Berger</b> (Hebrew University)</p> <p>‘An Unacknowledged Revolution: British Public Participation and Gradual Political Change in the Wake of the Crisis of the American Revolution’</p> <p><b>Adéla Rádková</b> (Charles University, Prague)</p> <p>‘Crisis of Authority in Catherine Macaulay’s and David Hume’s Historical Writings’</p> <p><b>Feng Dan</b> (University of Edinburgh)</p> <p>‘The Crisis of the British Constitution in the Eighteenth Century: Viscount Bolingbroke and Edmund Burke’</p>	<p><i>Conquest and Crisis in Seventeenth-century China</i></p> <p><b>Gianamar Giovanetti-Singh</b> (University of Cambridge)</p> <p>‘Globalising China: Jesuits, Eurasian Exchanges, and the Sciences in the Tartar Moment’</p> <p><b>Justin Choi</b> (University of Oxford)</p> <p>‘Minding the Barbarians: The Post-Ming Metaphysics of Human Agency in Early Modern Korea’</p> <p><b>Jacob Fordham</b> (University of Oxford)</p> <p>‘The Qing and Republican Afterlives of Late-Ming Military Theory’</p> <p><b>Ross Moncrieff</b> (University of Oxford)</p> <p>‘The Qing Conquest in Eighteenth-century European Thought’</p>	<p><i>Heterodoxy in the Early Enlightenment</i></p> <p><b>Alasdair Raffie</b> (University of Edinburgh)</p> <p>‘A Crisis of the Scottish Presbyterian Mind? William Wishart Returns to Edinburgh’</p> <p><b>Elad Carmel</b> (Hebrew University/ University of Jyväskylä)</p> <p>‘The Deistic Crisis’</p> <p><b>Bo van Broekhoven</b> (University of Edinburgh)</p> <p>‘Crisis as a Generative Affair: Crisis and Resilience in the Hartlib Circle’</p>
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**Lunch (13:00–14:00)**

**Session 3 (14:00–15:30)**

<p><i>Bodies, Bodies Politic, and Crises of Corruption: Citizenship, Medicine, Antislavery, and Satire (1650 - 1832)</i></p> <p><b>John Marshall</b> (Johns Hopkins University)</p> <p>‘Antiracism, Antislavery and Anti-imperialism: Quobna Ottobah Cugoano’s Thoughts and Sentiments on the Evil of Slavery in Context’</p> <p><b>Amanda Herbert</b> (Durham University)</p> <p>‘British Atlantic Balneography: Health, Sociability and Empire in the Eighteenth Century’</p> <p><b>Jamie Gianoutsos</b> (Mount St. Mary’s University)</p>	<p><i>Political Thought in China and Japan from the Seventeenth to the Twentieth Century</i></p> <p><b>Gabriel Groz</b> (University of Chicago)</p> <p>‘“The Unwavering Pivot”: The Crisis of Monarchy in Seventeenth-century China’</p> <p><b>Thomas Gimbel</b> (University of Chicago)</p> <p>‘From Predicaments Grew Plums’</p> <p><b>Hanzhi Dai</b> (University of Edinburgh)</p> <p>‘How to Correctly Organise the Mass? Jinshan Conference, Chinese</p>	<p><i>Theological Learning amongst the Reading Public in Early Modern England</i></p> <p><b>Kirsten Macfarlane</b> (University of Oxford)</p> <p>‘Biblical Scholarship among the Laity in Seventeenth-century England and New England: The Case of the “Broughtonians”, 1590– 1650’</p> <p><b>Sophie Aldred</b> (University of Oxford)</p> <p>‘Lord Robartes and Louis Cappel: Biblical Criticism and the (Multiple) Crisis of Church and State’</p> <p><b>Michelle Pfeffer</b> (University of Oxford)</p> <p>‘Theological Scholarship, the Immortality of the Soul, and the</p>
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‘Republican Bodies: Marchamont Nedham’s Commentaries on Medicine Corruption and Politics’

**Anna Roberts**  
(Johns Hopkins University)

‘Subverting the “Social Pinch”: Sex, Sociability, Snuff-taking and Satire, 1780–1830’

Warlordism, and the Threat and Allurement of Party-State Dictatorship, 1921–1923’

Reading Public in England, 1690 - 1710’

**Coffee (15:30–16:00)**

**Session 4 (16:00–17:30)**

*Philosophy and Science in the Scottish Enlightenment*

**Bradford Bow**  
(University of Aberdeen)  
& **Christine Kupfer**  
(Abertay University)

‘Spiritual Crisis in the Wise Club’

**Tamás Demeter**  
(Corvinus University of Budapest & Research Centre for the Humanities, Budapest)

‘Hume and the Crisis of Mathematical Learning’

**Lewis Ashman**  
(University of Edinburgh)

‘Scepticism, Atheism, and the Completion of the Newtonian System: The Defence of Natural Philosophy in Late Enlightenment Edinburgh’

*Political Thought in the European Enlightenments*

**Shiru Lim**  
(Aarhus University)

‘Conceiving Conquest Correctly: Catherine II, Voltaire, and the Russian Empire’

**Paul Kerry**  
(Brigham Young University & University of Oxford)

‘Mozart’s Magic Flute and the Development of Civic Charity’

*Carlyle*

**Adam Sutcliffe**  
(King’s College, London)

‘Carlyle and Michelet’

**Frances Nethercott**  
(St Andrews University)

‘Dante and Shakespeare; Pushkin Versus Gogol. Thomas Carlyle’s ‘Heroes’ and the Intellectual Crisis in 1850s Russia’

**Quinlan Mann**  
(St Andrews University)

‘Thomas Carlyle, from Prophet to Pariah: A Crisis of Historical Canon in a Post-Totalitarian World’

**Break (17:30–18:00)**

**Playfair Library**

**Keynote Lecture (18:00–19:30)**

**Colin Kidd**  
(University of St Andrews)

‘Oxbridge Dons and the Student Troubles, 1968-75’

**Reception (from 19:30)**

## Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September

Lecture Theatre A

Room G.05

Room G.06

Lecture Theatre B

### Session 5 (09:00–10:30)

*Cosmopolitan Academics and Intellectual Crises: Pluralist Knowledge and the Emergence of Specialisms*

**David McOmish**

(University of Venice, Ca' Foscari)

‘Ill-fitting Theses and New Bodies of Knowledge: Cosmopolitan Academics as the Cause of and Cure for Disciplinary Disintegration’

**Antonio Clericuzio**

(Università degli Studi Roma Tre)

‘New Light on James and John Macollo, Two Scottish Chymists in Seventeenth-century Tuscany’

**Marie-Louise Leonard**

(University of Venice, Ca' Foscari)

‘“What Wee Should Observe, before We Goe to Drink of Such Waters”: Healing Waters and New Medical Knowledge in Seventeenth-century Scotland’

*Literature and Crisis*

**Dominic Walker**

(University of Cambridge)

‘First as Tragedy: A Possible Literary Influence on Two Theorists of Economic Crisis’

**Nilkantha Pal**

(Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali)

‘Interrogating “Nationalism” and “Civilization”’: The Idea of “Crisis” in Rabindranath Tagore's Writings’

**Neriojamil Palumbo**

(University of East Anglia)

‘Nietzsche’s Aphoristic Style as Solution to an Intellectual Crisis’

*Crisis and the End of Enlightenment*

**Richard Whatmore**

(University of St Andrews)

‘Cosmopolitanism and Terrorism. Crisis Tactics at the End of Enlightenment’

**Lasse Andersen**

(University of St Andrews)

‘Polycrisis or Permanent Crisis? István Hont and the Inadequacy of our Political Language’

**Ariane Victoria Fichtl**

(Università degli studi di Torino)

‘Southern Slavery in “Crisis”: The Development of Pro-slavery Ideology in Antebellum America’

*Religious and Political Crisis in Early Modern France*

**Bingshu Zhao**

(University of Exeter)

‘Bringing the Family Back in the Formation of the Modern Idea of the State: Aristotle, Bodin, Hobbes, and Filmer’

**Sophie Nicholls**

(University of Oxford)

‘Ideologies over Ideas: The Crisis of the French Wars of Religion in Intellectual History’

**Emily Kent**

(University of Edinburgh)

‘Mersenne's *Universal Harmony* and the Monastic Vita Contemplativa after the French Wars of Religion’

### Coffee (10:30–11:00)

Lecture Theatre A

### Keynote Lecture (11:00–12:30)

**Anna Becker**

(Aarhus University)

‘Fathers in Crisis? Early Modern Natural Law and the Politics of Motherhood’

**Lunch (12:30–13:30)**

Lecture Theatre A

Room G.05

Room G.06

Lecture Theatre B

**Session 6 (13:30–15:00)**

*Early Twentieth-century  
Intellectual Crisis*

**Michael Kretowicz**  
(University of Cambridge)

‘Evolution or Palingenesis?  
Or, Change without Crisis’

**Thijs Bogers**  
(VU Amsterdam)

‘Friedrich Meinecke's  
Political Thought during the  
First World War’

**Alexandra Medzibrodsky**  
‘Challenging Traditions – Just  
Resistance to an Unjust Ruler  
in Late Imperial Russia’

*Erudition in Seventeenth-  
century Europe*

**Timothy Twining**  
(KU Leuven)

‘A Critical Crisis? Richard  
Simon and Late Seventeenth-  
century Erudition  
Reconsidered’

**Alexandra Bacalu**  
(University of Bucharest)

‘From Imaginative Depravity  
to Imaginative Regeneration:  
Self-Transformation and the  
Crisis of Rationality in  
Devotional Writings on the  
Government of Thoughts’

**Xiao Wang**  
(University of Exeter)  
‘*The Man in the Moone* and  
Moon-writing in Seventeenth-  
century England’

*Commercial Society in  
Republican and  
Monarchical Political  
Thought (1690–1760)*

**Giovanni Lista**  
(IZEA, University of  
Halle-Wittenberg)

‘Crafting a New Republic:  
Andrew Fletcher's Search for  
Political Economy’

**Brian Kjær Olesen**  
(Pompeu Fabra University)

‘Melon in Denmark: Modern  
Monarchy and the Eighteenth-  
century Crisis of the European  
States System’

**Adriana Luna-Fabritius**  
(University of Helsinki)  
‘Republicanism and Passions  
as the Foundations of  
Neapolitan Political  
Economy’

*Science, Philosophy, and  
Politics c. 1870–1970*

**Valentina Mann**  
(Van Leer Jerusalem  
Institute)

‘Philosophy and the Limits  
of Scientific Knowledge in  
European Journals, c. 1868–  
1890’

**Sam Phoenix Clarke**  
(University of Cambridge)

‘Scientists in the World  
Crisis: Experimentalism,  
Planning, and the Interwar  
Crisis of Democracy’

**Caroline Ashcroft**  
(Queen Mary, University of  
London)

‘Technology, Environment,  
and Crisis: The Influence of  
a Concept of Catastrophic  
Technology on the  
Environmental Movement’

**Coffee (15:00–15:15)**

Lecture Theatre A

**ISIH Annual General Meeting (15:15–16:30)**

**Session 7 (16:30–18:00)**

*An Emerging Discipline in a Warring World: The Impact of the First World War on the Intellectual Foundations of Sociology*

**Simon Lafontaine**  
(TU Berlin)

‘A Soldier on the Front; Alfred Schutz on Common Sense and Active Citizenship’

**Babak Amini**  
(University of the West of Scotland)

‘Classical Sociology in the First World War Era’

**Jean Marcel**  
(Université de Bourgogne)

‘Collective Psychology as an Attempt to Save Durkheimian Rationalism’

**Thomas Kemple**  
(University of British Columbia)

‘Cosmopolitan Ethics and Civic Morals’

*Trinitarian Controversies in the Eighteenth Century*

**Derya Gürses Tarbuck**  
(Bahçeşehir University)

‘Early Hutchinsonians as Defenders of Trinity’

**Jonathan Pike**  
(Brigham Young University)

‘Samuel Clarke’s Trinitarianism and the Anglo-American Discourse on Authority’

**David Ney**  
(Trinity School for Ministry)

‘Samuel Clarke’s Lord God of Dominion: Political Theory and the Scripture-Doctrine of the Trinity’

*The French Revolutionary Crisis in Britain*

**Ian Stewart**  
(UCL)

‘Adam Ferguson and the French Revolution’

**Tom Pye**  
(UCL)

‘John Millar and the Spectre of Feudal Monarchy’

**Jessica Patterson**  
(University of Cambridge)

‘The French Revolution, Scottish Enlightenment Histories and India’

## Lecture Theatre A

**Keynote Lecture (18:00–19:30)**

**Dmitri Levitin**  
(University of Utrecht and All Soul’s College, Oxford)

“‘The Crisis of Today is the Joke of Tomorrow’:  
Or, Why Intellectual Change is not Like Political Change – The Case of Early Modern Europe’

**Dinner for Keynote Lecturers and Society Committee Members (from 19:45)**

# Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September

Lecture Theatre A

Room G.05

Room G.06

## Session 8 (09:00–10:30)

*Crisis Science: Comtean Positivism and its Global Ramifications I*

**Franz Fillafer**

(Austrian Academy of Sciences)

‘The Chrono- and Geopolitics of Comtean Crisis Science’

**Giovanni Minozzi**

(Università degli Studi di Padova)

‘The Spectacle of Destruction. Crisis and Social Regeneration in Auguste Comte’

**Guillaume Lancereau**

(European University Institute, Florence)

‘Positivism and the Pathologies of Modernity: A Transnational Overview’

*The Left and Political Crisis in the Twentieth Century*

**Alec Walker**

(Yale University)

‘The Crisis of Social Democracy or a Leftism of Crisis: German *Krisentheorie*, 1970 to Today’

**Samuel O’Connor Perks**

(University of Manchester)

‘Crisis, Conversion and Catastrophe: World War One as a Catalyst for Ammon Hennacy’s Christian Anarchism’

**David Klemperer**

(Queen Mary, London)

‘The “Crisis of Socialism” and the “Socialism of Crisis” – French Socialist Intellectuals amidst the Crises of the 1930s’

*Philosophy and History in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*

**Stephen Cheung**

(Durham University)

‘Mouldy in 1872: Varieties of Straussian Optimism in the Face of a Nietzschean Crisis’

**Hampus Östh Gustafsson**

(Uppsala University)

‘The Crisis of Swedish Philosophy of History’

**Ksenia Shmydkaya**

(Tallinn University)

‘Lukács's Ghost: On Crises and the (Ahistorical) Reception of The Historical Novel’

## Coffee (10:30–11:00)

Lecture Theatre A

## Keynote Lecture (11:00–12:30)

**Silvia Sebastiani**

(EHESS, Paris)

‘Taxonomic Crisis in the Enlightenment, and How it Matters for the History of Humankind’

## Lunch (12:30–13:30)

Lecture Theatre A

Room G.05

Room G.06

## Session 9 (13:30–15:00)

*Political Crisis and Early Modern Central Europe*

*Crisis and Political Thought since the 1980s*

<p><i>Crisis Science: Comtean Positivism and its Global Ramifications 2</i></p> <p><b>Takeharu Okubo</b> (Keio University) ‘A Pioneering Effort of the Acceptance of Comtean Positivism in 19th Century Japan’</p> <p><b>Charles Chih-Hao Lee</b> (Academia Sinica, Taipei) ‘Positivism, Historicism, and the Crisis of the Chinese Nation: The Historiographical Thought of Fu Sinian (1896–1950) in Global History’</p> <p><b>Banu Turnaoglu</b> (University of Cambridge) ‘Ahmed Rıza’s Positivist Philosophy and His Solution to the Crisis in the Orient’</p>	<p><b>Jakub Wolak</b> (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of the Sciences) ‘Jan Dymitr Solikowski’s <i>Facies Perturbatae et Afflictae Reipublicae</i> (1564): A Platonic Treatment of the Sick Body Politic in Early Modern Poland’</p> <p><b>Jan Květina</b> (Institute of History, Czech Academy of Sciences) ‘Mythology of Decay in the Sixteenth-century Polish Political Discourse: “Republicanist” Solution to the Socio-religious Crisis?’</p>	<p><b>Mikkel Thorup</b> (Aarhus University) ‘Accelerating Crisis – racist and ecofascist embrace of crisis as opportunity’</p> <p><b>Nathan Low</b> (Yale University) ‘What was the “Asylum Debate”? The “Crisis of the Nation-state” and the Question of Cosmopolitanism in Transatlantic Critical Theory’</p> <p><b>Roxana Dumitrache</b> (National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest) ‘Romanian Feminism after the 1989 Revolution’</p>
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**Coffee (15:00–15:30)**

**Session 10 (15:30–17:00)**

<p><i>Crisis as Analytical Category</i></p> <p><b>Amira Moeding</b> (University of Cambridge) ‘A Crisis of Explanation: On the Co-constitution of the “Blackbox” and “Big Data” in AI research from 1987 to 1998’</p> <p><b>Devin Vartija</b> (Utrecht University) ‘A Crisis of Inequality: Emotion, Revolution, and Conceptual Change’</p> <p><b>Rory Kent &amp; Gianamar Giovanetti-Singh</b> (University of Cambridge) ‘Crises and the History of Science: A Materialist Rehabilitation’</p>	<p><i>Reason and Politics in Early Modern Thought</i></p> <p><b>Thomas Vozar</b> (University of Hamburg) ‘Adjudicating the Regicide of Charles I in the Universities of the Holy Roman Empire’</p> <p><b>Szilard Tattay</b> (Pázmány Péter Catholic University) ‘Grotius’s “Impious Hypothesis”: An Overture to a Secularised Natural Law Theory?’</p> <p><b>Tiancheng Yu</b> (St Andrews University) ‘Rational Animal or Language Animal? The Crisis of Reason and Hobbes’s Early-modern Linguistic Turn’</p>	<p><i>Mid-nineteenth-century Crisis</i></p> <p><b>Felix Steilen</b> (University of Oxford) ‘Apocalypse and Upheaval: Catholic and Socialist Prophecies on the European Crisis, ca 1848’</p> <p><b>Lutti Mira</b> (University of São Paulo) ‘“Foreshadowings of the Future”: Marxian Philosophy of History, Crisis, and Intellectual Change in the Nineteenth Century’</p> <p><b>Linda Mathlouthi</b> (Université de Lorraine) ‘“The Victims of Our Social Chaos”: The Crisis Surrounding the Children of the Poor from the 1830s to the 1890s’</p>
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