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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
31st May - 1st June 2018

Thursday, 31st 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)

17:30 pm – 19:00 pm

*Optional: Tour by the Caspar David Friedrich
Centre*

Friday, 1st 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 Frenzy, 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