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WORKSHOP

Socialising Minds

Language, Culture and Human Nature from the Renaissance to the Eighteenth Century

*This workshop is organized
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Early modern thought is commonly portrayed as individualistic and solipsistic. Descartes turned inside to gaze at his clear and distinct ideas; Locke argued that words stand for nothing but the ideas in the mind of the individual speaker. The power of words was often treated with suspicion; ideally, we should do without words and "think upon things". The social aspect of knowledge, culture, and language was not entirely ignored but the focus was on the individual mind and rules of correct thinking. Accordingly, our mental lives and modes of interaction would be explained as building on what is introspectively available. In recent years, however, this picture has been challenged in various respects. This workshop is aimed at stimulating exchange between scholars, early career researchers and graduate students whose work concerns social dimension of these issues.

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APPLY BEFORE

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HOW TO APPLY

Please send an abstract to Martin Lenz (m.lenz@rug.nl) by 15 September 2017. The abstract must be no longer than 300 words, prepared for blind reviewing and sent as a .docx file (please do not use pdf format). The subject of the mail should be "Socialising Minds". The author's name and contact information (name, affiliation, email and professional status – graduate student, postdoc, lecturer etc.) should also be specified in your message. The abstracts will be peer-reviewed and you will be notified of the outcome of the review by November 20. If your paper is accepted for presentation, we will ask you to provide a draft or extended abstract for circulation two weeks in advance of the workshop.

There are no registration fees. Attendance is free but limited. For speakers, the organisers will cover the costs of accommodation and meals. No financial help, however, can be provided for travel expenses.

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