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Towards a History of the Question as an
Epistemic Genre in the Early Modern Age

International Conference
3–5 April 2024

Wednesday 3 April

- 15:30–16:00** **Anita Traninger, Martin Urmann**
(Freie Universität Berlin, CRC 980 “Episteme in Motion”)
Welcome and Introduction
- 16:00–17:00** **Eva Cancik-Kirschbaum**
(Freie Universität Berlin, CRC 980 “Episteme in Motion”)
The Question: The Emergence of an Epistemic Practice in Ancient Mesopotamia
- 17:00–17:15** **Coffee break**
- 17:15–18:15** **Irene van Renswoude**
(University of Amsterdam)
Yes and No, What was the Question? Pedagogy, Dialectic and Disputation before the Rise of the Universities (800–1200)
- 18:15–19:15** **Rudolf Schüßler**
(Universität Bayreuth)
Questions of Morality in the Early Modern Period

Thursday 4 April

- 10:00–11:00** **Arjan van Dixhoorn**
(University College Roosevelt, Middelburg)
“To the Question”: Intellectual Exercises in Early Modern Flemish-Dutch Rhetorician Culture

- 11:00–12:00** **Déborah Blocker**
(University of California, Berkeley)
“Questionare, Velare e Burlare”: Uses (and Misuses) of the Quaestio Among the Alterati of Florence (1569–1630)
- 12:00–12:15** **Coffee break**
- 12:15–13:15** **Kathryn Murphy**
(University of Oxford)
Questions and the Emergence of the English Essay
- 13:15–14:45** **Lunch Break**
- 14:45–15:45** **Dmitri Levitin**
(University of Oxford/University of Utrecht)
Disputations, Questions, and Free Speech in the Confessional University: A Remarkable New Discovery
- 15:45–16:45** **Flynn Allott**
(University of Oxford)
On Questionnaires as Textual Ghosts and Social Forms: The Case of Seventeenth-Century Antiquarian “Square Sheets”
- 16:45–17:00** **Coffee Break**
- 17:00–18:00** **Anita Traninger**
(Freie Universität Berlin, CRC 980 “Episteme in Motion”)
Astonishing Answers: Paradox and the Affective Corollaries of Questioning the Status Quo
- 18:00–19:00** **Gianna Pomata**
(Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore)
“Theoremata, Problemata, Paradoxa”: How to Frame Open Questions in Early Modern Epistemic Cultures

Friday 5 April

- 09:00–10:00** **Nicolas Schapira**
(Université Paris Nanterre)
The Question as a Political Tool in Absolutist France
- 10:00–11:00** **Jan Lazardzig**
(Freie Universität Berlin)
Lost and Found. The Labyrinth as Epistemic Trope in the Seventeenth Century (Andreae, Comenius, Bacon)
- 11:00–11:15** **Coffee break**
- 11:15–12:15** **Martin Urmann**
(Freie Universität Berlin, CRC 980 “Episteme in Motion”)
The Question at Stake. The Content of the Form in the Prize Contests of the French Academies
- 12:15–13:15** **Lunch Break**
- 13:15–14:15** **Gideon Stiening**
(Universität Münster)
“What Can I Know? What Should I Do? What Can I Hope For?” Kant’s Questions
- 14:15–15:15** **Daniel Stader**
(Freie Universität Berlin)
What is Enlightenment? On the Greatest Prize Question Never Posed
- 15:15–15:30** **Concluding Remarks**