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New perspectives on past celestial novelties

Interdisciplinary workshop

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Monday, 17th March

14:00 - 14:30

Introduction: a new
interdisciplinary panel
on past celestial novelties

14:30 - 15:30

Keynote: *The Comets of 1618
in Germany and Wilhelm
Schickard's Manuscript Treatise*
- **Miguel Ángel Granada**
(Barcelona)

15:30 - 16:15

*Genealogies of the
Cometographical Archive* -
Adam Mosley (Swansea)

16:15 - 17:00 **Coffee-break**

17:00 - 17:20

*A Comparative Study of the
Introduction of Arabo-Persian
Astronomy into Byzantium
and China in Early Modernity* -
Alberto Bardi (Turin)

17:20 - 17:40

*The cometary "prophecy" of
Edmond Halley in Italy* - **Matteo
Cosci** (Venice)

17:40 - 18:00

*Historical observations of
celestial novelties as epistemic
key for astrophysics: novae,
supernovae, comets, and solar*

activity - **Ralph Neuhäuser**
(Jena)

18:00 - 18:30 **Round table
discussion**

Tuesday, 18th March

9:30 - 9:50

*The Telescope and the
Astrologer: Notes for a future
research* - **Henrique Leitão**
(Lisbon)

9:50 - 10:10

*Sunspot Observations in the
17th century* - **Rainer Arlt**
(Potsdam)

10:10 - 10:30

*Information and Epistemic
Transformation between
Physics and Literature: Kepler's
Somnium* - **Aura Heydenreich**
(Erlangen-Nürnberg)

10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee-break**

11:00 - 11:20

*Celestial Novelties in a
Confessional Context: Jesuit
Debates in the Early 17th century*
- **Luís Miguel Carolino** (Lisbon)

11:20 - 11:40

*Comets in the Early Modern
Period: Improving Orbits with*

new and ancient data - **María
José Martínez Uso** (Valencia)

11:40 - 12:00

*Recovering past Geomagnetic
activity based on historical
aurorae sightings* - **Monika
Korte** (Potsdam)

12:00 - 12:20

*Non-Aristotelian concepts on
Comets and Novae at both sides
of the Atlantic: Spanish and
American printed works* - **Tayra
Lanuza-Navarro** (Barcelona)

12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 - 14:20

*Celestial Novelties, Jesuits,
and Popularization of Science
throughout Europe* - **Maciej
Jasiński** (Warsaw)

14:20 - 14:40

*Celestial Novelties in
Astrological Prognostications* -
Monica Azzolini (Bologna)

14:40 - 15:00

*Historical Geoantropology
and Interdisciplinarity* - **Pietro
Omodeo** (Venice)

15:00 - 15:30 **Coffee-break**

15:30 - 17:30 **Final round table**