

Focusing on the Breyne, a little-known Gdańsk naturalist family, the conference examines the practices of late-17th and early-18th century natural history in their transregional implementation. Approximately from 1670 to 1760, three generations of Breyne dedicated themselves to the study of nature.

Their papers were acquired for the ducal collections in Gotha at the end of the 18th century and survive in the Gotha Research Library. Although the various multifaceted documents were indexed in 1988, they have only been researched rudimentarily. The international and interdisciplinary conference brings together individual examinations about the Breyne family and embeds them in the larger context of early modern history of knowledge with the objective to establish a foundation for further systematic research.

The event is a cooperation between Leipzig University, the Centre of Science Studies of the Leopoldina with the support of fellow Prof. Dr. Kärin Nickelsen, and the Gotha Research Library.

**Sharing Natural Histories.
The Breyne Family of Gdańsk
(c. 1670–1760)
Leipzig University
13–15 June 2024**



Venue
University Library
Bibliotheca Albertina
Beethovenstr. 6
04107 Leipzig

Organizers
Prof. Dr. Julia A. Schmidt-Funke
Louisa-Dorothea Gehrke
Leipzig University, Department of History

Registration
Participation is free, but for catering a small fee is required to be paid on site. Please register until 27 May via fnzgeschichte@uni-leipzig.de.

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Thursday, 13 June

12.30–12.45 *Nadja Horsch (Leipzig)*: Welcome

12.45–13.15 *Julia Schmidt-Funke, Louisa-Dorothea Gehrke (Leipzig)*: Introduction

PANEL I

Transregional Networks of Knowledge

Chair: Rainer Godel, Halle

13.15–14.00 *Julia C. Böttcher (Erlangen)*: Res Publica Medica: Members of the Early Leopoldina as Case Studies in a History of (Scientific) Communities

14.00–14.45 *Sebastian Kühn (Berlin)*: Breyne in the Tavern. Drinking Practices as Scholarly Networking

14.45–15.15 *Coffee break*

15.15–16.00 *Bettina Dietz (Gotha)*: Correspondence Networks – Networked Texts: Practices of Writing, Reading, and Publishing in Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Botany

PANEL II

Erudite Exchange and Social Life

Chair: Meike Knittel, Berlin

16.00–16.45 *Katarzyna Pękacka-Falkowska (Poznań)*: J.P. Breyne and his Peregrinatio Medica: The Impact of Breyne's Medical Travels on his Future Career and Interests

16.45–17.15 *Coffee break*

17.15–18.00 *Edmund Kizik (Gdańsk)*: Times of Uncertainty – Gdańsk in the 18th Century

Keynote Speech

18.15–19.15 *Alix Cooper (Stony Brook)*: Naturalists in the Family: The Breyne's and the Domestic Contexts of Early Modern Natural History

19.15 **Reception**

Friday, 14 June 2024

PANEL III

Media and Repositories of Knowledge

Chair: Michael Kempe, Hanover

09.00–09.45 *Rebecca Partikel (Marburg)*: Reference, Draft, or Alternative Suggestion? Exploring a Drawing for Jacob Breyne's Exoticarum Plantarum (...) Centuria Prima (1678)

09.45–10.30 *Alette Fleischer (Amsterdam)*: Jacob Breyne's Herbarium Books: Intersecting between Private Use to Public Contacts

10.30–11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00–11.45 *Mark Carine (London)*: Assembling and Cataloguing Global Plant Diversity: Hans Sloane, James Petiver, and the 'Sloane Herbarium'

11.45–12.30 *Julia Schmidt-Funke (Leipzig)*: Of Mammoth Bones and Boramez. Practices of Knowledge in and around the Breyne's Natural History Cabinet

12.30–13.15 *Lunch*

PANEL IV

Gardens as Spaces of Knowledge

Chair: Marcus R. Köhler, Dresden

13.15–14.00 *Marianne Klemun (Vienna)*: Botanical Gardens: Urban Places and Natural Spaces of Knowledge in Early Modern Times

14.00–14.45 *Aleid Offerhaus (Leiden)*: Collecting and Cultivating Plants. The Collaborative Efforts of Herman Boerhaave (1668–1738) and his Gardeners in Transforming the Leiden Botanical Garden

14.45–15.15 *Coffee break*

15.15–16.00 *Lisa Johnson (Utrecht)*: New Technologies for Cultivating Exotic Fruit in Early Modern Northern Europe: The Dutch Experience

16.00–16.45 *Louisa-Dorothea Gehrke (Leipzig)*: Johann Philipp Breyne's Garden and his Botanical and Horticultural Networks

Closing Remarks and Discussion

16.45–17.30 *Kärin Nickelsen (Munich)*: Sharing Natural Histories. Perspectives of Interdisciplinary Research

Visit of the Botanical Garden

18.00–19.00 Guided Tour through the Botanical Garden of Leipzig University

19.30 **Conference dinner**

Saturday, 15 June 2024

Excursion to Gotha Research Library

07.00 Gathering at Leipzig Main Station

07.30–08.30 Travel to Gotha

08.30–09.00 Walk to Gotha Research Library

09.15–09.30 Welcome

09.30–11.00 *Monika E. Müller (Gotha)*: The Breyne Papers in the Gotha Research Library

11.00–12.00 Guided Tour through Gotha Research Library

12.00–12.30 *Lunch*

