

**Book Games.**

**Printed Materials as Vehicles for Play in the Early Modern Period**

Wolfenbüttel, Herzog August Bibliothek, 17.-18. October 2022  
Bibelsaal Bibliotheca Augusta

**Organizers:**

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**PROGRAM**

**Sunday 16 October, Parkhotel Altes Kaffeehaus**

Those of you arriving in time for dinner are welcome to join Mara and Justyna for dinner at 19:00 in the restaurant of the hotel.

**Book Games, Day 1**

**Monday 17 October 2022**

09:00-09:15 Welcome and Opening remarks

**Session I: The Playful in Arts and Mathematics**

Moderator: Matthias Roick, PASIFIC (Marie Skłodowska-Curie) Fellow, Polish Academy of Sciences

09:15-09:45 (1) Enrica Zanin, Strasbourg University  
Playbooks and Storybooks: Different Forms, Similar Uses

09:45-10:15 (2) Stefano Gulizia, University of Milan  
Playing with Mathematical Books, or: How to Handle the ludus of Nicholas of Cusa and Leon Battista Alberti

10:15-11:00 Discussion

11:00-11:30 Coffee

**Session II: Collections and Sociability**

Moderator: Valerio Zanetti, Cambridge University

11:30-12:00 (3) Matthias Roick, Polish Academy of Sciences  
Playing By the Rules: Game Books in the Ethica Section of the Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel

12:00-12:30 (4) Magdalena Herman, University of Warsaw  
"Extraordinarily Bound Books" From the Collection of Jan Ponętowski and Ferdinand II, Archduke of Austria

12:30-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:30 Lunch break (Viet Thai, Grosser Zimmerhof 6)

### **Session III: Fortuna at Play I**

Moderator: Neil Harris, The University of *Udine*

14:30-15:00 (5) Justyna Kiliańczyk-Zięba, Jagellonian University, Kraków  
The Interplay of Word and Image in a Book of Fortune-Telling

15:00-15:30 (6) Gábor Förköli, Polish Academy of Sciences  
At the Crossroad of Popular Culture and Vulgarized Antiquity: The Hungarian Wheel of Fortune Book

15:30-16:00 Coffee

### **Fortuna at Play II**

Moderator Katell Lavéant, Utrecht University

16:00-16:30 (7) Milan Pelc, Zagreb University  
A Fortune Telling Book from 17th-Century Croatia

16:30-17:00 Discussion

19:00 Dinner–Pantopoleio (Okerstrasse 16)

### **Book Games, Day 2**

**18 October 2022**

09:15 Remarks

### **Gaming and French Sociability**

Moderator: Stefano Gulizia, University of Milan

09:30-10:00 (8) Valerio Zanetti, Cambridge University  
The Game of Five Nations: Shaping National Identity Through Play in Seventeenth-Century France

10:00-10:30 (9) Katell Lavéant, Utrecht University  
How to Tickle the Reader's Curiosity: French Joyful Books of Riddles and Rebuses from the 16th Century and Beyond.

10:30-11:00 Discussion

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

**Gender and Play in the Emblem Book**

Moderator: Enrica Zanin, Strasbourg University

11:30-12:00 (10) Mara R. Wade, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Gender at Play in Georg Philipp Harsdörffer's Stechbüchlein (1654)

12:00-12:45 Discussion and Final Remarks

13:00-14:30 Lunch (l'Oliveto, Lange Herzogstraße 44)

**14:30-16:30 Book Display**

Moderators: Justyna Kiliańczyk-Zięba and Mara R. Wade

We will have at least 10 items on display (perhaps the HAB will agree for a couple more). Each presenter to have up to 10 minutes for their object – to explain its characteristics and how it used. We will have nearly two hours for this event and must leave the books and the Augusta by 16:45.

Those who would like to join the group for a continuation of the discussion over coffee can continue at a location TBA.

19:00 Dinner (Wan Bao, Kommißstraße 9a)

**Wednesday 19 October**

Breakfast in hotel, checkout and departure