The Gettysburg Conference

The Fourteenth Biennial Conference of the American Cusanus Society and the International Seminar on Pre-Reformation Theology

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We shall explore the rich legacy of Nicholas of Cusa (1401-1464) in its many facets – intellectual, religious, political, and artistic – from his last years in Rome until 1700. He commissioned and edited manuscripts of his works and sermons, marked out his place in intellectual history, and established St. Nicholas Hospital in Kues which continues to this day. After his death, there followed three printed editions of his works, and translations appeared among reformers in Stuart England. Nicholas influenced thinkers including Giordano Bruno and Charles de Bovelles. His ecclesiastical career and critique of the Donation of Constantine fueled later religious and political controversies and reform efforts. In addition, monuments to him endure in Rome and at the Hospital in Kues, which also houses much of his personal library.

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 (for early arrivals)
5:30 p.m. Social Hour Singmaster Center
7:00 p.m. Dinner (Optional) Appalachian Brewing Company

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10
8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast Refectory
10:30 a.m. Battlefield Tour Valentine Commons
(Colonel Izbicki of the Bernkastel Battalion)
11:50 a.m. Chapel
12:15 p.m. Lunch Refectory
Meeting of the Executive Committee, American Cusanus Society
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  Registration and Refreshments  Valentine Commons/Coffee Shop

3:00 p.m.  **Public Lecture I: The Kiyomi Koizumi Watanabe Lecture**  Valentine Auditorium

Chair: Kristin Largen, Interim Dean, Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary
Introduction to the Conference theme
**Thomas M. Izbicki**, Rutgers University
“Nicholas of Cusa in Early Protestant English Editions”
**Paul Richard Blum**, Loyola University Maryland

4:00 p.m.  Wine Hour  Coffee Shop

4:30 p.m.  **Public Lecture II: The Richard John Neuhaus Lecture**  Valentine Auditorium

Chair: Christopher Bellitto, Kean University
“Sharing Friends and Foes: On the Relation between Nicholas of Cusa and Martin Luther”
**Knut Alfsvåg**, School of Mission and Theology, Stavanger

5:15 p.m.  Social Hour and Dedication of the **Morimichi Watanabe Collection**  Pioneer Room, Library

6:15 p.m.  Dinner

7:45 p.m.  **Public Session III: The F. Edward Cranz Roundtable**  Valentine Auditorium

Chair: Charles Carman, University at Buffalo

*Cusanus’ Legacy in Kues and Rome*

**Marco Brösch**, St. Nikolaus-Hospital /Cusanusstift
**Il Kim**, Auburn University
**Patricia Seibold**, Birmingham, MI

9:00 p.m.  Social Hour

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11**

7:30 a.m.  Breakfast  Refectory

8:30 a.m.  Ecumenical Service of Prayer with Commemorations  Chapel

Remembering Paul Sigmund, Thomas Mayer, Klaus Rinehardt, Hermann Hallauer, and others
Led by **Phillip Stump**, Lynchburg College

9:00 a.m.  **Session I**  Library Lecture Room

Chair: **Ian Levy**, Providence College
Cusanus’ Last Years in Rome: Defining a Legacy
“Cusanus’ Philosophical Testament: De venatione sapientiae”
Donald Duclow, Gwynedd Mercy University
“A Most Enthusiastic Papist’: Papacy and Reform in the Later Cusanus and the Early Luther.”
Richard Serina, Concordia Seminary

10:15 a.m. Coffee Break
Library Rotunda

10:45 a.m. Session II
Chair: Thomas Morrissey, SUNY Fredonia
Library Lecture Room

Working Session: Cusanus and Valla: Their Political Legacy and the Reformation
Led by Philip Krey, Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary, and Gerald Christianson, Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary

- Excerpts from Cusanus’ De concordantia catholica
- Excerpts from Lorenzo Valla’s Discourse on the Forgery of the Alleged Donations of Constantine
- Selections from Johannes Kymeus’ Des Babsts Hercules widerdie Deudschen (1538)
- Flacius Illyricus, entry on Cusanus, Catalogus testium veritatis

12:15 p.m. Lunch
Refectory

1:30 p.m. Session III
Chair: Eric Crump, independent scholar, Gettysburg
Library Lecture Room

Cusanus and Reformations
“The English Reception of Cusanus in Print”
Thomas M. Izbicki
“Beyond the Tegernsee Debate: Some Later Reactions to Nicholas of Cusa’s Speculative Mystical Theology”
Meredith Ziebart, Loyola University Maryland

3:00 p.m. Tour
Award-winning Gettysburg’s Seminary Ridge Museum

5:30 p.m. Mass
St. Francis Xavier Church

5:45 p.m. Social Hour
Business Meeting of the American Cusanus Society
Donald Duclow, Vice President, presiding
7:15 p.m.  Candlelight Banquet  Refectory  
Master of Ceremonies: Christopher Bellitto  
Entertainment: “Gettysburg, Summer 1863, in Song and Story”  
Wayne Hill and Friends

9:00 p.m.  Social Hour  Singmaster Center

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:00 a.m.  Mass  St. Francis

7:30 a.m.  Breakfast  Refectory

8:15 a.m.  Ecumenical Service of Word and Sacrament  Chapel  
Led by Philip Krey

9:15 a.m.  Session IV  Library Lecture Room  
Chair: William Collinge, Mount St. Mary’s University  
Cusanus’ Later Impact

“Echoes and Transformations: Cusan Ideas in Charles de Bovelles’s Philosophy”  
Tamara Albertini, University of Hawai’i at Manoa  
“Infinity of God and Infinity of the Universe: Cusanus and Bruno”  
Sophie Berman, St. Francis College  
“Burckhardt’s Existenzbild and the Icon in De visione Dei”  
Nancy Struever, Johns Hopkins University

10:30 a.m.  Coffee Break  Library Rotunda

10:45 a.m.  Session V  Library Lecture Room  
Chair: Phillip Stump  
Working Session: French and English Receptions of Cusanus

Led by Matthieu van der Meer, Syracuse University  
and Jason Aleksander, St. Xavier University

- Lefevre d’Etaples, Preface to his edition of Cusanus’ works  
- Cusanus, De visione Dei (Latin and Bond translation)  
- Cusanus, De visione Dei (excerpts from a 17th-century Stuart translation)

12:00 p.m.  Close  
Departures begin at 12:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m.  Lunch (Optional)  Appalachian Brewing Company

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The Committee for the 2014 Gettysburg Conference: Donald Duclow, Thomas M. Izbicki (co-chairs); Il Kim, Tamara Albertini, Knut Alfsvåg. Arrangements chair: Gerald Christianson. Registrars: Margaret Folkemer, David Petr, Nicole Miller

Thanks for joining us. See you next time.