



Elisabeth of Bohemia (1618-1680) – Life and Legacy. Philosophy, Politics and Religion in Seventeenth Century Europe May 18-20, 2018



The Ulrike Detmers Elisabeth of Bohemia and Herford Prize

On 19 May 2018, two interrelated events were celebrated whose roots go far back in time – the royal wedding of Meghan and Harry and the fourth centenary of Elisabeth of Bohemia’s birth.

These two events have much more in common than one would expect at first glance: Elisabeth of Bohemia, also known as Elisabeth of the Palatinate and Princess Bishop of Herford, was the eldest daughter of Elisabeth Stuart and Frederick V, Elector Palatine. Together with her sister, Sophie of the Palatinate, she cultivated an extensive philosophical network. The two were also important key figures in European politics. As daughters of Elisabeth Stuart, they enforced the Act of Settlement, which secured the right of the Hanoverians to the throne of Great Britain, thus they also had direct connections to the English high nobility.

In this respect, there is not only a connection to the royal event in Great Britain, but also every reason to draw attention to the legacy of Elisabeth of Bohemia and Herford and to promote her achievements in a conference and with a prize.

Distinguished experts in philosophy highlighted Elisabeth’s work in the corresponding international conference ‘*Elisabeth of Bohemia (1618-1680): Life and Legacy*’ held at Paderborn University and in Herford, Germany on 18-20 May 2018, organized by Prof. Dr. Sarah Hutton (University of York, Great Britain), Prof. Dr. Ruth Hagengruber (Head of Philosophy and Director of the Project “Center for the *History of Women Philosophers and Scientists*” (HWPS), Paderborn University, Germany), and Prof. Dr. Sabrina Ebbersmeyer (University of Copenhagen, Denmark).

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Award Ceremony

**Elisabeth of Bohemia and Herford Prize/
Elisabeth von Böhmen und Herford Preis**

Herford, May 19, 2018





Donor of the first Elisabeth of Bohemia and Herford Prize/ Elisabeth von Böhmen und Herford Preis

Prof. Dr. Ulrike Detmers

- Chair of Business Administration, especially Human Resources and Business Organization at Bielefeld University of Applied Sciences
- Partner, Member of the Management Board, and Spokeswoman of the Mestemacher Group
- First President of the Association of German Bakeries
- Since January 1, 2018, Member of the Bertelsmann Foundation Board of Trustees
- among others: bearer of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany since 2008



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Prize money: 4 x 2,500 euros

“We show open life models in which people are there for each other, help each other, promote each other and deal with each other democratically and liberally. New open living models are, for example, large families, multi-generation houses, shared flats or other lifestyle model types.” (Prof. Dr. Ulrike Detmers)



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TOP FATHER OF THE YEAR/
„SPITZENVATER DES JAHRES“ (since 2006)**
Prize money: 2 x 5,000 euros
Extra prize money: 2,500 euros

Aims:

- Extending the father's influence on the child's development
- Appreciation of fathers who are involved in family work
- Recognition of fathers who enable the partner to pursue her own professional career



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Prize money: 5,000 euros for social aims and a valuable silver statue OECONOMIA

Aims:

- Emphasizing the economic competence of women economists in the male world of business
- Promoting an economic culture that shapes women and men
- Presentation of female role models for young female managers



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Award Committee:

- Prof. Dr. Ruth Hagengruber, Director of the Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, Paderborn University, Germany
- Prof. Dr. Sarah Hutton, Honorary Visiting Professor, University of York, UK
- Prof. Dr. Dominik Perler, Professor of Philosophy, Humboldt-University, Berlin, Germany





Tim Kähler (mayor of Herford), Prof. Ruth Hagenhuber (director of the Center HWPS), Prof. Lisa Shapiro (Simon Fraser University, Canada), Prof. Sarah Hutton (University of York, Great Britain), Prof. Dominik Perler (Humboldt University Berlin, Germany) (f.l.t.r.)



"I am very honored to receive the first Ulrike Detmers Elisabeth of Bohemia and Herford Prize, recognizing my efforts in making accessible and in understanding the philosophical views of Princess Elisabeth.

This morning we have heard from the Mayor of Herford, Tim Kähler, about the importance of citizens' understanding the history of the city of Herford for shaping its future and ensuring its continued vitality. It was exciting to learn of the plans that the city is putting in place to make its history accessible to everyone, from school children to adults.

The Ulrike Detmers Elisabeth of Bohemia Prize demonstrates a similar vision for recognizing the work being done to raise awareness about women in the history of philosophy and thereby to revitalize the discipline. We are at an important moment right now, with work being done by so many people, including the important work of Prof. Dr. Ruth Hagengruber and the Centre for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists at Paderborn University, to rehabilitate the work of women philosophers throughout our history, to understand their views, and to recognize their connections to other intellectual activity of the periods in which they were writing. Elisabeth of Bohemia is an important representative of this kind of work, and the papers at the conference in honour of her 400th birthday are both recognizing her philosophical insights and opening up new research questions about her intellectual achievements and influence.

Thank you, Prof. Dr. Detmers, for creating this award and to the awards committee for this great honour."

- Lisa Saphiro



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