



Physicians, Paper and Polis in Early Modern Europe

A Collaborative Workshop of the ERC Project “Ways of Writing: How Physicians Know, 1550-1950” and the Minerva Research Group “Reading and Writing Nature in Early Modern Europe”

Early modern physicians acted in a sphere that was primarily civic, often official. They fulfilled many functions beyond health care. How did working and living in the polis affect medical practice and knowledge?

Case studies from Italy, Central Europe, and England and from a wide time range (16th-18th centuries) show how communication between physicians and other urban groups functioned on and off paper, how urban life and politics shaped medical knowledge, and how medical knowledge entered into the self-fashioning of early modern cities and towns.

This is the last of a series of three workshops that have brought together a wide range of research activity on early modern physicians, cities, publics, and paper technology. The result will be a collective volume opening up new perspectives for future research. The working group is a collaboration between historians of early modern Europe, historians of science, and specialists on the history of medical practice and between the Institute for the History of Medicine and the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, which are now neighbouring institutions in Berlin-Dahlem.

Program

Friday, January 10

Max Planck Institute for the History of
Science,
Boltzmannstraße 22,
14195 Berlin

9 am *Welcome*

Session I:

Commentary Alfred Stefan Weiss (Salzburg) /
Mary Terrall (Los Angeles / Berlin)

Sabine Schlegelmilch (Würzburg), Letters of
Application

Annemarie Kinzelbach (Berlin), Negotiating
on Paper

11 am *Coffee Break*

Session II:

Commentary Ursula Klein (Berlin) / Alexander
Kästner (Dresden)

Gianna Pomata (Baltimore), The Town Physi-
cian as Case Collector

Ruth Schilling (Berlin), Physical City: A Royal
Physician's Warsaw

1 pm *Lunch*

Session III:

Commentary Dominique Brancher (Basel) /
Kaspar von Greyerz (Basel)

Elaine Leong (Berlin), Reading Lazare Rivière
in Early Modern England

Michael Stolberg (Würzburg), Writing (in) the
City: A Polygraph Physician in 16th-Century
Prague

3:30 pm *Coffee Break*

Session IV:

Commentary Lars Behrisch (Utrecht) / Silvia
de Renzi (Open University/ Cambridge)

Laura Di Giammatteo (Berlin), Ragguagli in
Milan: Ways of Reporting between Healthcare
and Administration (1600-1650)

Fritz Dross (Magdeburg / Erlangen), De Offi-
ciis: "Vom Ambt des Arztes": Physicians' Oaths
and the Appointment of Physicians in 15th and
16th-Century Nuremberg

7 pm *Conference Dinner*

Saturday, January 11

Institute for the History of Medicine (Charité
Berlin), Thielallee 71, 14195 Berlin

10 am

11:30 am *Coffee Break*

Session V:

Commentary Sebastian Kühn (Berlin) / Harun
Küçük (Berlin)

Valentina Pugliano (Cambridge), From Venice
to Damascus: The Personal Writing of a
16th-Century Diplomatic Physician

Annemarie Kinzelbach (Berlin)/ Marion Maria
Ruisinger (Ingolstadt), Johann Christoph Götz
in Nuremberg: Local Physician, German
Pietist, European Scholar

Commentary all authors

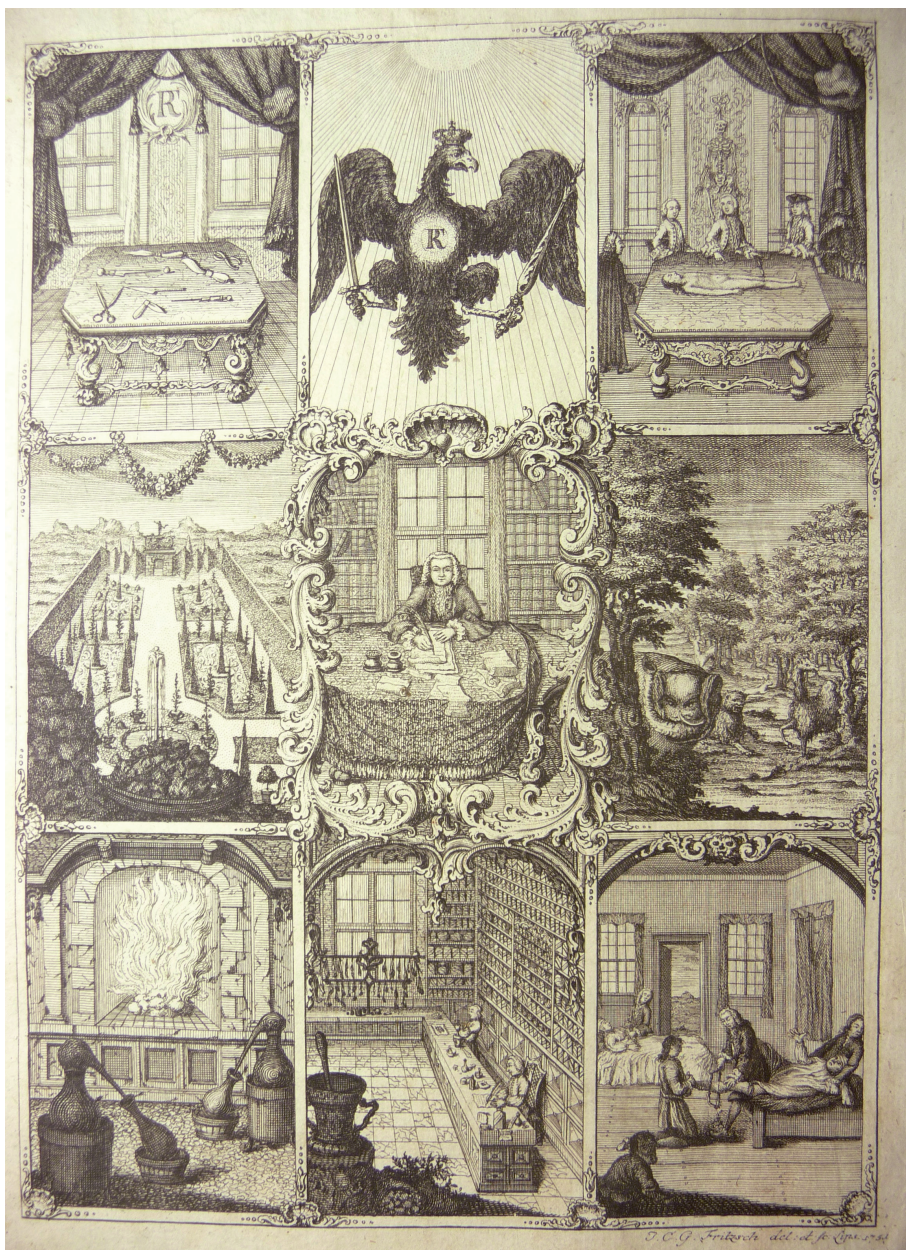
Andrew Mendelsohn, An Overview Essay on
the Book Project

General Discussion

1:30 pm *Lunch and Good Bye*

This workshop is organised by the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in cooperation with the Institute for the History of Medicine (Charité Berlin). For registration and further inquiries, please contact Elaine Leong (eleong@mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de).





Frontispiz of Johann Jacob Woyt, *Gazophylacium medico-physicum*, Leipzig, 1784 (Image courtesy of the Institut für Geschichte der Medizin und Ethik in der Medizin, Charité, Berlin).