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Thursday, 17th September

9:30–10:00 Opening
Mitchell G. Ash, Michael Rössner

10:00–10:30 Concept of the Workshop
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10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

11:00–12:30 Session 1 (Chair: Franz L. Fillafer)
Sara Muniaín Ederra / Jorge Fernández-Santos Ortiz-Iribas: Mapping the Institutionalisation of ‘Protopositivism’ in Bourbon Spain
Denise Phillips ‘Positive Knowledge’: The History of a Category in Vormärz Intellectual Culture

12:30–14:00 Lunch Break

14:00–15:30 Session 2 (Chair: Thomas Brandstetter)
Daniel Becquemont Positivism(s): British Empiricism and French Principles
Kaat Wils Between Politics, Religion and Humanities. Positivism in Belgium and the Netherlands, 1845–1914

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

16:00–17:30 Session 3 (Chair: Jan Surman)
Libuše Heczková ’2 x 2 = 4’ Dispute between T.G. Masaryk and František Krejci over the Approaches to Truth and Science
Tomasz Sobieraj From Realism to Neo-Kantianism – the Case of Aleksander Świętochowski, the Leader of Polish Positivism

17:30–18:00 Commentary
Bernhard Plé

Friday, 18th September

9:00–11:15 Session 4 (Chair: Bernhard Bolech)
Maja Soboleva Positive Philosophy as a Means of Social Engineering in Russia
M. Sait Özervarlı The Transmission of Positivism to Eastern Cultures: Debates over the Introduction of Positivism to Ottoman Society by ‘Young Turks’
Andreas Braune Positivism as a Liberal Ideology: Wilhelm Ostwald and the German Monist League

11:15–11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–13:00 Session 5 (Chair: Peter Stachel)
Eric Nelson Dilthey, Carnap, and Heidegger: The Feeling of Life and the Overcoming of Metaphysics
Janek Wasserman ‘Absolut unpolitisch’: the Verein Ernst Mach and the Radical Politicization of Logical Positivism in Vienna, 1918-1934

13:00–14:30 Lunch Break

14:30–16:45 Session 6 (Chair: Friedrich Stadler)
Christina Schwartz Problem Positivism. The Search for Ways to Explain the ‘Grand Catastrophe’ in German University Principals’ Speeches During the Postwar Years 1945-1950
Richard Beyler Post-war Post-positivism: Pascual Jordan’s Radical Empiricism and the Cultural Meaning of Science in Cold War Germany.
Thomas König The forgotten Positivismusstreit in late 1950s Vienna – Topics, Participants, Backgrounds

17:00–17:30 Conclusions

17:30 End of the Conference