

Seminar in the History of the Exact Sciences

All Souls College, the Hovenden Room

Hilary term 2018: Wednesdays at 5.00p.m.

Convenors: Philip Beeley, Christopher Hollings,
Yelda Nasifoglu and Benjamin Wardhaugh

17 January

Christopher Hollings (University of Oxford)
“Black strokes upon white paper”: changing attitudes towards symbolic algebra
from the nineteenth into the twentieth century’

24 January

Ralf Krömer (Bergische Universität Wuppertal)
‘Justification of axioms: a neglected topic in the history of mathematics?’

31 January

Katharina Habermann (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen)
‘Gauss’s diary, Riemann’s Hypothesis, and Klein’s letters: the central archive
for mathematics bequests in Göttingen’

7 February

Emmylou Haffner (Bergische Universität Wuppertal)
‘Insights into the long “genesis” of Dedekind’s lattice theory’

14 February

Natasha Glaisyer (University of York)
‘Speaking, reading, writing and printing numbers in seventeenth- and
eighteenth-century England’

21 February

Karine Chemla (Université Paris Diderot)
‘Forms of proofs for algebraic equations in medieval China’

28 February

Matthew Landrus (University of Oxford)
‘Geometry and mathematics for the technical and visual arts at the turn of the
sixteenth century’

7 March

Jeanne Peiffer (CNRS)
‘Reading mathematics in the eighteenth century: Montesquieu and young
d’Alembert’