Virtual Picnic & Workshop

Celebrating Women in Kotzebue’s Life and Writing

Date: 7 & 8 July 2023
Place: University of Tübingen, Germany and Online via Zoom

Picking up on the success of the Virtual Kotzebue Picnic performed on the occasion of August von Kotzebue’s 260th Birthday in 2021, a new hybrid event will take place on 7 and 8 July 2023.

The Kotzebue Picnic 2023 aims to bring together scholars from different disciplines, writers, artists, and curators in order to catch up with the flourishing global Kotzebue community by celebrating women connected to the life and writing of this multifaceted figure of World Literature.

The “Celebration Women” Picnic highlights various significant themes, shedding light on the biographies of lesser known women who were born or married into the Kotzebue family, as well as those who are related to them. Additionally, the event will feature discussions on notable female characters in Kotzebue’s literature and drama, such as Eulalia (Mrs. Haller), Gurli, Cora, Afanasia, and Elvira, as well as celebrated female performers. The event will also honour female writers, journalists, and intermediaries who adapted Kotzebue’s texts for the international literary market, as well as female correspondents of August von Kotzebue.

The Kotzebue Picnic 2023 will be hosted by the University of Tübingen and is organised by Anna Ananieva in collaboration with Astrid Köhler (Queen Mary University of London).

The two-day event will combine in-person and online elements, engaging both on-site and virtual attendees at the same time.

The event is part of the research project “Between Estonia and the World. Mobile lifestyles and global relationships of the Krusenstern-Kotzebue family network from 1790 to 1860” which is funded by the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media.

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