

Georgian Society for East Yorkshire
and Friends of Kant and Königsberg

in association with Hull History Centre and University of Hull Maritime History Trust

IMMANUEL KANT AND HULL

Day Conference

Hull History Centre
Worship Street, Hull, HU2 8BG

Saturday 15 June 2024

11 a.m – 4.30 p.m.



Photo: Ralf Kranert

Drinking glass engraved with the names of Immanuel Kant
and four men from Hull, 1763
(East Prussian State Museum, Lüneburg, Germany)

Commemorating the tercentenary of the birth of the most important German philosopher Immanuel Kant (1724-1804) and celebrating his close friendship with Joseph Green and Robert Motherby, merchants from Hull. It has been said that Green’s effect on the philosopher ‘cannot be overestimated’. The Königsberg firm of Green and Motherby managed Kant’s finances, and Kant had a great influence on the education of Robert Motherby’s children, one of whom, William, founded The Friends of Kant in 1805.

Programme

11.00 a.m. *Introduction* – Gerfried Horst, Chairman, Friends of Kant and Königsberg

11.15 a.m. *Life and Work of Immanuel Kant* – Tim Kunze, Curator, Immanuel Kant Department, East Prussian State Museum, Lüneburg

11.55 a.m. *Königsberg Kant’s Home* – Max Egremont, author of *Forgotten Land: Journeys among the Ghosts of East Prussia*

12.35 – 1.00 p.m. Discussion

1.00 -1.45 p.m. Buffet Lunch

1.45 p.m. *Kant and slavery* – Judith Spicksley, Wilberforce Institute for the Study of Slavery and Emancipation, University of Hull

2.05 p.m. *Hull’s Baltic Trade* – Nick Evans, School of Humanities, University of Hull

2.35 p.m. *Hull Merchants and Immanuel Kant* – David Neave, Georgian Society for East Yorkshire

3.05 p.m. *The Motherby Family of Hull and Königsberg* – Marianne Motherby, Friends of Kant and Königsberg

3.35 p.m. Discussion and concluding remarks. 4.00 p.m. Tea and cakes

Fee including all refreshments £30

(Georgian Society for East Yorkshire and Friends of Kant and Königsberg members £25)

Book early as places limited. For location and car parking see Hull History Centre website:
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