

The historiography of timekeeping is traditionally characterized by a dichotomy between research that investigates the evolution of technical devices, and research concerning the examination of cultures and uses of time. One of the main consequences of this dichotomy has been the scarcity of studies that take into account the influence of socio-cultural factors on the layout of technical devices. Contributions that conversely investigate cultures and practices of timekeeping through the analysis of objects are equally rare.

This conference aims to contribute to a dialogue between these two approaches by taking table clocks, portable watches, astronomical clocks, marine chronometers, carriage clocks, tact watches, alarm clocks, bells and hands as the starting point of a joint reflection that will get specialists of the history of horology together with scholars studying the social and cultural history of time.

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Inside: François Ageron, Montre de carrosse avec réveil, Paris, 1741, MIH inv. nr. I-2863 (right) and Frédéric Courvoisier, Horloge de voyage, La Chaux-de-Fonds, vers 1830, MIH inv. nr. IV-109 (left)

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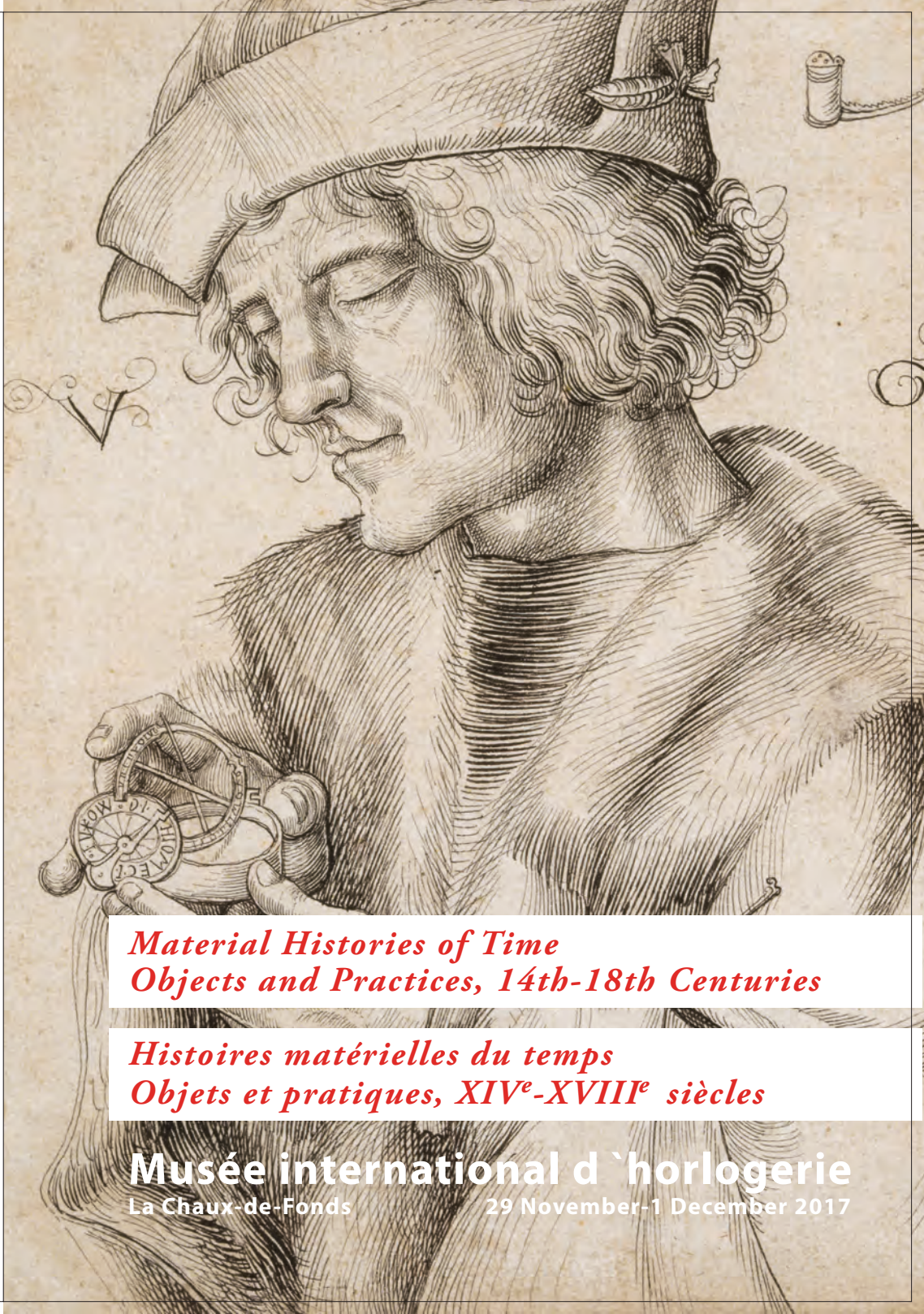
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***Material Histories of Time
Objects and Practices, 14th-18th Centuries***

***Histoires matérielles du temps
Objets et pratiques, XIV^e-XVIII^e siècles***

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Program					
29 November		Chair: Gianenrico Bernasconi (Université de Neuchâtel)		1 December	
17.00	Registration	11.15	Víctor Pérez Álvarez, National Maritime Museum Greenwich, London <i>A Close Approach to a Renaissance Astronomical Table Clock. The Buschmann clock of the National Maritime Museum of Greenwich</i>	09.00	Marie-Agnès Dequidt, Institut d’Histoire Économique et Sociale – IDHES, Paris <i>De l’acquisition au réglage: réflexions sur l’horlogerie parisienne du XVIII^e siècle et ses utilisateurs</i>
17.15	Welcome	11.45	Susanne Thürigen, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München <i>Instruments for Exercise – Book Shaped Table Clocks around 1600</i>	09.30	Alexis McCrossen, Southern Methodist University, Dallas / Texas <i>Broken Watches. Sources and Methods for the Study of Time Consciousness</i>
	Théo Bregnard (Municipal councilor of La Chaux-de-Fonds) Prof. Dr. Kilian Stoffel (Rector, Université de Neuchâtel) Dr. Philippe Cordez (Research Group “Premodern Objects”, Munich)	12.15	Discussion	10.00	Discussion
17.30	Guided visit of the Musée international d’horlogerie	12.45	Lunch at the museum (for speakers)	10.30	Coffee break with finger food
18.15	Opening lecture, Ludwig Oechslin (Musée international d’horlogerie) <i>Les modèles du cosmos à leur limite: Homann/Landeck contra Ducommun</i>		Chair: Laurent Tissot (Université de Neuchâtel)		Chair: Estelle Fallet (Musée d’art et d’histoire, Genève)
19.00	Aperitif & Dinner	14.15	Grégoire Besson, Université Grenoble Alpes <i>Les voyageurs européens et leurs montres: entre précision technique et flou temporel</i>	11.00	Gianenrico Bernasconi, Université de Neuchâtel <i>Temps et cuisine au XVIII^e siècle: quelques remarques sur la relation entre objets et pratiques</i>
30 November		14.45	Catherine Herr-Laporte, Université de Neuchâtel / Université Paris-Diderot <i>Montres de carrosse et autres garde-temps utiles aux voyageurs: constitution et analyse d’une collection (1700-1850)</i>	11.30	Fabio Pruneri, Università degli Studi di Sassari, Sardegna <i>From Whom Does the Bell Toll? Time Devices and Time Management in School from 16th to 20th Centuries</i>
09.00	Introduction (Gianenrico Bernasconi & Susanne Thürigen)	15.15	Nicolas Verdier, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris <i>La montre et l’odomètre: aux origines de la diffusion du concept de vitesse Louis Dutens et son itinéraire des routes les plus fréquentées 1775-1793</i>	12.00	Johannes Graf, Deutsches Uhrenmuseum Furtwangen <i>The First Black Forest Clock. How a Fake Affected Our Idea Of Clock History</i>
	Chair: Régis Huguenin (Musée international d’horlogerie)	15.45	Discussion	12.30	Discussion
09.30	Günther Oestmann, Technische Universität Berlin <i>Designing a model of the Cosmos. Theoretical Considerations in the Construction of Astronomical Clocks of Medieval and Early Modern Times</i>	16.30	Coffee Break	13.15	Lunch at the museum (for speakers)
10.00	Philippe Cordez, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München <i>Les machines musicales. Automates et figuration de la musique de l’univers à la fin du Moyen Âge</i>		Chair: Susanne Thürigen (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)		
10.30	Discussion	17.00	Gerrit Verhoeven, Universiteit Antwerpen <i>Clockwise? Time Awareness in Early Modern London</i>		
11.00	Coffee break	17.30	Discussion		
		18.00	Keynote Gerhard Dohrn-van Rossum, Technische Universität Chemnitz <i>Clocktime and Time Consciousness in the Visual Arts. William Hogarth’s ‘Modern Moral Subjects’</i>		
		20.00	Conference Dinner		

