

**USM Philosophy Department Presents:  
Johann Bernhard Basedow and the Transformation of Modern Education  
A Roundtable Discussion of the new book by Professor Robert Loudon.**

**October 23, 2020  
10:00-11:30  
Via Zoom**

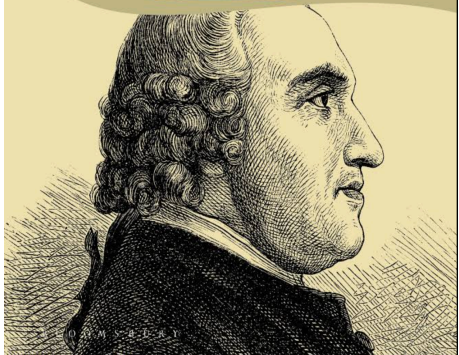
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**Professor Robert Loudon  
Moderated by Jason Read**

**Johann Bernhard  
Basedow and the  
Transformation of  
Modern Education**

Educational Reform in the  
German Enlightenment



**Invited Panelists:**

James Scott Johnston  
Jointly Appointed Professor, Education and Philosophy  
Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada

Jürgen Overhoff  
Professor for the History of Education  
University of Münster, Germany

Dr. Gary Roy  
Philosophy Student, University of Southern Maine  
Retired Teacher, Thornton Academy

Scott R. Stroud  
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Dr. Andrea Thiele  
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Best known for the progressive school he founded in Dessau during the 18th century, Johann Bernhard Basedow was a central thinker in the German Enlightenment. In the first English intellectual biography of this influential figure, Robert B. Loudon answers questions that continue to surround Basedow and provides a much-needed examination of Basedow's intellectual legacy. Assessing the impact of his ideas on subsequent educational movements, Loudon argues that Basedow is the unacknowledged father of the progressive education movement. He unravels several paradoxes surrounding the Philanthropin to help understand why it was described by Immanuel Kant as "the greatest phenomenon which has appeared in this century for the perfection of humanity," despite its brief and stormy existence, its low enrollment, and insufficient funding.