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### ÖFFENTLICHE VORTRÄGE UND BEOBACHTUNGSABENDE

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### Uhrwächter und Sterngucker im 18. Jahrhundert

Modern “time discipline” emerged during the eighteenth century with a change in discipline’s direction. Using early-modern Berlin as a case study, this talk will argue that before 1800 people disciplined clocks, after 1800 clocks disciplined people. The reversal was the product of four eighteenth-century phenomena:

- 1) the advance of clock making techniques;
- 2) the appearance of a print public sphere;
- 3) the creation of urban public spaces; and
- 4) early-modern astronomy’s successful claim to control over its area of natural knowledge.

This talk then concludes with the general observation that the shift to modern time discipline was the product of a complicated series of changes in early-modern Europe, including especially a change in how Europeans produced and ratified knowledge about the world.