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Workshop ERC EarlyModernCosmology

Individual and Cosmos Ernst Cassirer's Reading of Renaissance Philosophy Revisited

Guests:

Michael Bongardt, Universität Siegen, **Karolina Enquist Källgren**, University of Lund, **Ingmar Meland**, Met-Oslo / NTNU Trondheim, **Barbara Naumann**, University of Zurich, **Esther Oluffa Pedersen**, University of Copenhagen, **Cecilia Rosengren**, University of Gothenburg, **Mats Rosengren**, University of Uppsala, **Frederik Stjernfelt**, Aalborg University Copenhagen

The workshop is dedicated to a re-evaluation of Ernst Cassirer's interpretation of Renaissance philosophy, in particular of his book *Individuum und Kosmos in der Philosophie der Renaissance* (1927). Cassirer was among the first philosophers to put forward a systematical interpretation of Renaissance thought, which up until then, was regarded as merely eclectic or apologetic. For Cassirer, on the contrary, the works of Renaissance thinkers like Ficino, Pomponazzi and especially Pico della Mirandola mark the beginning of modernity. However, according to Cassirer Renaissance thought cannot be grasped in one particular field of studies only. Instead of isolating philosophical works from the contexts of art, religion and science, Cassirer strove to present common ideas and thus includes the work of figures like Leonardo or Galileo in his narrative. In the workshop this approach as well as particular problems will be discussed, in particular with respect to socio-political contexts and cosmological concepts in Cassirer's presentation. This event will bring together scholars with different backgrounds, such as philosophy, philology, history of early modern science and the history of ideas.

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