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Crisis and Change in Early Modernity:  
Knowledge, Practice, Governance

**The Life and circumstances of  
Jacques du Roure (1621-1683?),  
or: How to make a living from  
teaching Cartesian philosophy?**

**Sophie Roux**

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In this talk, I discuss an unknown seventeenth-century Cartesian, Jacques du Roure. I will begin by presenting what I have discovered about the circumstances of his life. I will then draw attention to the little-known phenomenon of non-institutional education, which was extremely important in Paris in the second half of the 17th century. Last, but not least, I will ask myself what aspects of his publications can be explained by the social and economic conditions in which he lived: that of a man who earned his living by teaching philosophy without being professor in a college or in a university.



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