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Histories of Knowledge: Political, Historical and Cultural Epistemologies in Intellectual History

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Monday, September 12, 2022

Aula Magna
Silvio Trentin

Cortile
Ca' Foscari

1.00 pm
4.00 pm

Registration

4.00 pm
6:45 pm

Inaugural addresses

KEYNOTE LECTURE:
Vera Keller (University of Oregon): *Undisciplining Knowledge*

Rinfresco
from 7.00 pm to 11.00 pm

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

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9.30am
11:00 am

Religion and Cultural Politics

Camila Walls Castillo (University of Toronto) *Making Sense of Death: Sin, Punishment, and the Phenomenon of Martyrdom in Colonial Latin America*

Filipe Marques Fernandes (University of Lisbon) *Rethinking Intellectual Resistance to Political Reform in Eighteenth-Century Portugal: Pombal and the Oratorians*

Stuart Mathieson (Dublin City University) *An Evangelical Epistemology? From Bacon and Paley to Stokes*

Locke and Hobbes: epistemology, rationality and science

Diego Lucci (American University in Bulgaria) *The Problem of Moral Knowledge in Locke*

Elisabeth Thorsson (Durham University) *Locke's 'Humble Epistemology' against Political and Religious Extremism*

Meghan Robison (Montclair State University) *Hobbes and Galileo: On the Practical-Rational Foundations of the New Science*

Conspiracy, Post-Truth and Legitimization

Audrey Borowski (LMU Munich/University of Oxford) *Hans Blumenberg in the Age of Conspiracy*

Nora Kindermann and **Chris Ranalli** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) *Are 'Conspiracy Theorist' and 'Fundamentalist' Essentially Contested Concepts?*

Pieter De Corte (University of Louvain and Sorbonne University) *Nietzsche and the History of Truth. Genealogy of Knowledge and Post-Truth Epistemology*

11.30 am
1.00 pm

Revolutions and Liberations

Ksenia Shmydkaya (Tallinn University) *Debating the French Revolution in Interwar Poland: The Danton Case and Its Echoes*

Guillaume Lancereau (European University Institute, Florence) *Engaged Scholarship and Historical Expertise: Writing the History of the French Revolution in Early-Third-Republic France 1870-1914*

Konstantinos Bizas (University of Jyväskylä) *Political Knowledge and Political Thought in the Greek War of Independence*

Organized panel

The Marginalization of Astrology Reconsidered

H. Darrel Rutkin (Ca' Foscari University, Venice) *Reflections on the History and Historiography of Astrology*

Simon Dolet (University of Côte d'Azur) *A Marginalization of Astrology in the Age of Enlightenment? The Alternative of Giuseppe Toaldo's Astro-Meteorology and the Appearance of the Science of the influence of the Stars*

Michelle Pfeffer (Oxford University) *The Contribution of the Early Modern Humanities to the Marginalization of Astrology*

Journalism and Circulation of Knowledge

Reda Merida (EHESS, Paris) *Cultural and Literary Journals and the making of the Arab intellectual History in the Twentieth Century*

Eoin Carter (Cambridge University, UK) *Making Knowledge in a Prison Cell: Intellectual Cobbling in the Newgate Monthly Magazine*

Hansjakob Ziemer (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin) *Claiming to Know, Knowing to Claim: Journalists and Epistemic Communities in the Weimar Republic*



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1.00 pm
2.30 pm

Lunch Break

<p>2.30 pm 4.00 pm</p>	<p>Organized panel <i>Perceptions of the Qur'an in the Roman milieu of the XVIIth century</i> Javier de Prado (Université de Nantes) <i>The Qur'an and the Propaganda Fide. Shared themes in the De procuranda salute omnium gentium (1613) and the Apologia pro christianareligione (1631)</i> Loriana Salierno (Università degli Studi di Napoli L'Orientale) <i>The Qur'ān into Latin: the Translation of Ludovico Marracci</i> Oliver Salem (Università degli Studi di Napoli L'Orientale) <i>A Comparative Analysis on the Evolution of Marracci's Lexicon in Relation to the Qur'ān in Arabic</i></p>	<p>Organized panel <i>David Hume and Political Epistemology</i> Elena Yi-Jia Zeng (University of Cambridge) <i>David Hume's Political Epistemology and the Critiques of Empire</i> Tim Stuart-Buttle (University of York) <i>'The Only True Conservatism'? Hume, Dewey, and the Experimental Method</i> Angela Coventry (Portland State University) & Landon Echeverio (Portland State University) <i>The "Great Guide" to Human Life: Custom and Habit in Hume's Science of Politics</i></p>	<p>Eco-political Epistemologies Justin Niermeier-Dohoney (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin) <i>The Stewardship of Dominion: Post-Baconian Environmental Ethics Reconsidered</i> Kevin Gerard Tracey (Maynooth University) <i>Laboratising the Anthropocene: Biopower and Political Epistemology in Early Modern Ireland</i> Amira Moeding (University of Cambridge) <i>On the Emergence of 'Data-Driven' Artificial Intelligence: Epistemological Change and Political Implications</i></p>
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4.00 pm
4.45 pm

Break

4.45 pm
6.45 pm

KEYNOTE LECTURE
Shaul Bassi (Ca' Foscari University) *Power, Knowledge, and Fury in the Ghetto of Venice*

8.30 pm

Society's, Keynotes' and organizers' dinner



Wednesday, September 14, 2022

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9.30am
11:00 am

**ISIH
GENERAL MEETING
(open to all)**

Organized panel
Taming Tempestuous Ziz. Weather Knowledge in the Early Modern Italian Peninsula

Ruggero Pace Gravina (Università degli Studi di Milano) *The Pyramid of Knowledge: Tracing the Roots of the Intellectual Background of the Florentine Accademia del Cimento*

Jin-Woo Choi (Princeton University) *Bernardino Ramazzini's Medical Meteorology in Venetian and European Contexts*

Valentine Delrue (Ghent University and Ca' Foscari University, Venice) *Science or Superstition? The Study of Lunar Influences on the Weather in French Republican Piémont (1802-1815)*

11.30 am
1.00 pm

Organized panel
Mathematics and the Architecture of the Universe on the Eve of the Copernican Cosmos

Michael Shank (University of Wisconsin Madison) *Copernican Cosmology and the Expanding Empire of Late-Medieval Measurement*

Alberto Bardi (Tsinghua University, Beijing) *Copernicus' Use of Axioms*

Razieh Mousavi (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin) *Pre-Copernican Islamic and Latin Approaches to the Immobility of the Earth: Connections and Controversies*

Bergson, Vienna Circle

Michael Kretowicz (University of Cambridge) *Bon sens and Society in the Lycée Philosophy of Henri Bergson*

Daniel Kuby (University of Konstanz) *On the Benefits of the Cold War: The Case of Paul Feyerabend and the Third Vienna Circle*

Nicola Bertoldi (CIRST Montréal/ Université catholique de Louvain) *Nature, Knowledge and Materialism: Understanding the Multiple Histories of the Modern Evolutionary Synthesis*

1.00 pm
2.30 pm

Lunch Break

Political Knowledge Construction in the Thirties

Anna La Torre (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona), *The Nurse and the Fascist Propaganda. Analysis of the Photographic Archive of the Ospedale Maggiore in Milan, Italy*

Jonathan Egid (King's College London) *Hegel, Mussolini and the Exclusion of Africa from the History of Philosophy*

Razak Khan (Göttingen University) *Geographies of Knowledge Exchange: Comparative Minor Intellectual History between Weimar Berlin and Colonial Delhi*

2.30 pm
4.00 pm

Organized panel
Ethical Knowledge as a Source of Power. The Institutionalization of Ethics in Renaissance Central-Eastern European Educational Culture Through the Lens of Political Epistemology.

Danilo Facca (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw), *Poland, Early 17th Century: Strategies for Reading the Nicomachean Ethics between Philosophy, Ideology, Education and Indoctrination*

Matthias Roick (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw), *Early Modern Libraries: Books, Knowledge, and Epistemic Contellations. The Example of the Bibliotheca Augusta*

Luisa Brotto (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw) *Trust: Moral Value or Social Tool? The Teachings at the Academy of Zamość (1605-1632) between Ethical Knowledge and Social Practices*

Renaissance and Early Modern Reflections on Politics and the State

Martina Cali (EUI, Florence) *Demanding Prudence in Early Modern Venice*

Szilárd Tattay (Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest) *Taming the Leviathan? Natural Law and Sovereignty in Jean Bodin's work*

Yuchen Sun (King's College London) *A Stuart History for Hanoverian Politics: David Hume on the English Commonwealth*

4.00 pm
4.45 pm

Break



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Knowledge, Collections, and Education in the Renaissance and Early Modernity

Tomás Antonio Valle

(University of Notre Dame) *Haerantolimregumdeliciae: Johannes Caselius (1533–1613) and the Curation of Princely Learning*

Katerina Lolou (National Technical University Athens) *'Hexis meta logou': Early Modern Conceptions of Knowledge versus Creativity*

Sanne Maekelberg and **Frank Ejby Poulsen** (University of Copenhagen) *Out of the Closet: The Privacy of Knowledge Construction in the 17th-century Devonshire Library*

Thomas Matthew Vozar (Hamburg University) *Humanist Knowledge in the English Revolution*

4.45 pm
6.45 pm

Aula Magna Silvio Trentin

Organized panel

Knowledge making and Techno-scientific Assemblages: Local and Global Enquiries

Santiago Guzman (UCL, London) *La Machecha Laboratory and Enrique Pérez Arbeláez: Knowledge Making, Vegetable Fibres and Scientific Nationalism in Colombia 1940s*

Nishtha Bharti (Indian Institute of Technology) *Technological Imaginaries and Knowledge Production: Of Revolutionising Healthcare in India*

Jaspreet Jagdev (UCL, London) *The Value-ladenness of Technological Imaginaries: What Can Looking at Examples of Military Technology Contracts Tell Us?*

Elena Falco (UCL, London) *How to read Wikipedia: The Technics of Crowdsourced Knowledge Production*

Aula Baratto

Organized panel

Cross-Cultural Epistemologies: Intellectual History and the Study of Translation

Elisavet Papalexopoulou (EUI, Florence) *Constructing a Female Canon: Women Translators as Literary Activists*

Elias Buchetmann (University of Rostock) *Social Critique Between Britain and Germany: Meta Forkel's Politics of Translation*

Gaby Mahlberg (Newcastle University) *Translating English Republican Ideas in Germany*

Ann Thomson (EUI, Florence) *Knowing the Ottomans. Two French Translations of Paul Rycaut's Present State of the Ottoman Empire*

Thursday, September 15, 2022

Aula Berengo

Early Modern Communities and Gender

Ákos Tussay (Pázmány Péter Catholic University) *Early-Modern Ideas of Society and Community: Sir Robert Filmer's Patriarchal Critique of Grotius's Natural Law Theory*

Christopher Xuan (University of Chicago) *Queen Henrietta Maria and "Mistress" Parliament: (Un)Settling Femininity in English Political Rhetoric, 1640–1660*

Daniel Schmal (EötvösLoránd Research Network) and **Peter Pazmany Catholic** (University, Budapest) *Gender, Politics and the Problem of Reflexivity in the 'Amour-Pur' Debate*

9.30am
11:00 am

Aula Magna Silvio Trentin

Organized panel

Experimenting with the Past? Material Practices of Knowledge-Making between Antiquarianism and the Sciences

Lillian Datchev (Princeton University) *The Social Origins of Antiquarian Observation*

Cesare Pastorino (Ca' Foscari University, Venice) *Experimenting with Material Antiquity: The Case of the Congius Farnese*

Jennifer Rampling (Princeton University) *Alchemy as Antiquity: Recovering Medieval Alchemical Knowledge in Early Modern England*

Auditorium Santa Margherita

Travel, Expeditions and Knowledge

Anse De Weerd (Université Libre de Bruxelles/University of Antwerp) *Charles Lemaire and His Travelling Colonial Pictures*

Anna Gielas (University of Cambridge) *What Nineteenth-Century Arctic Expeditions Tell Us about Scientific Editors and Editorship*

Aimée Plukker (Cornell University) *How to be a Tourist at Home: The American Express Travel Board Game*



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Encyclopedism(s): Fragmented and Systematized Knowledge

Youngmin Kim (Seoul National University) *In Search of New Epistemological Unity: Politics and Encyclopedic Studies in Early Modern China*

11.30 am
1.00 pm
Cyril Lacheze (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University) *Architectural Terracotta Production in French Encyclopedic Works, 17th-19th Centuries: Constitution and Itineraries of Technical Knowledge*
Devin Vartija (Utrecht University) *'Teaching men to doubt': Epistemological Debates in Enlightenment Encyclopaedias*

Aula Magna Silvio Trentin

Organized panel

Born to School: Expertise, Power, and the Public in the History of Ideas

Shiru Lim (Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies) *Counsel, Command, and Coercion: The Problems of Philosophic Government*

Marius S. Ostrowski (EUI, Florence) *The Social Role of Expertise: Four Historical Visions*

Danilo Scholz (KWI, Essen) *Old Empires Going Bananas? EEC-Africa Trade Between Colonialism and Postcolonialism*

Auditorium Santa Margherita

Organized panel

Catastrophes in Early Modern Natural Philosophy and Medicine

Jonathan Regier (Ca' Foscari University, Venice) *Girolamo Cardano, Mass Catastrophes, and the Roman Inquisition*

Marie-Louise Leonard (Ca' Foscari) *Il medico della peste: Plague in Seventeenth Century Italy*

Corinna Guerra (Ca' Foscari University of Venice) *A Quite Typical Catastrophe in Naples: the Rains of Volcanic Ash*

1.00 pm
2.15 pm

Lunch Break

Organized panel

Political Epistemologies of Scientific Materialism in Translation: Assessing Jacob Moleschott and his Legacy on his Bicentenary

Costanza D'Elia (University of Cassino) *Moleschott and De Sanctis: Materialism, Darwinism and Religious Discourse in the Italian Nation Building*

Laura Meneghello (University of Siegen) *Jacob Moleschott's (Cultural) Translation Between the Scientific and the Political Field*

Michael Mielewczik (Agrosocpe, Department for Sustainability Assessment and Agricultural Management) & **Janine**

Moll- Mielewczik (Swiss Soil Monitoring Network (NABO)) *Spinach, Iron and Brain Food. The Long-lasting Influence of Jacob Moleschott (1822–1893) on Nutritional Theory and the Transformation of Biology and Agriculture*

2.15 pm
4.15 pm

Colonial Studies: Intercultural Knowledge, Indigenism and Decolonisation #1

Lisa Kattenberg (University of Amsterdam) *Other or Ally? Epistemologies of Kinship and Alliance Between the Spanish, Dutch and Mapuche*

Eva Schalbroeck (Utrecht University) *"Traduttore, Traditore": (Mis)translation and Engagement in Catholic Epistemologies and Politics of Knowledge in Colonial Africa*

Pablo Soffia (UCL, London) *Provincializing Historicism: Andrés Bello on History and Semiotics against Metaphysics*

Charles Chih-Hao Lee (Academia Sinica Taiwan) *British Imperial Sceptics and the Scientific Study of Chinese Society, c. 1900-1949*

Teaching and Learning in Early Modernity

David McOmish (Ca' Foscari University, Venice) *Cosmopolitan Academies and Their Political Entanglements: a Goldilocks zone for the New Sciences?*

Davide Crippa (Ca' Foscari University, Venice) *Private and public teaching of mathematics in Padua: Institutions and Networks*

Visual Epistemologies

Lucila Mallart (University Pompeu Fabra) *A Positivist Art History? Josep Puig i Cadafalch and the Natural Sciences*

Maria Teresa Costa (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin) *Spaces of Visual Epistemology*

4.15 pm
4.45 pm

Break



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Marxism and Soviet History

Matteo Sartori (Universidad de Concepcion Chile/ Ca' Foscari) & **Julia Prakofjewa** (Ca' Foscari University, Venice) *Official herbals: Episteme of (De) Colonisation/ Totalitarianization*

Bartłomiej Kapica (Pilecki Institute, Warsaw) *Can Soviet Socialism Produce and Implement Critical Knowledge? The Case of Władysław Bieńkowski, 1956-1970*

Theodore Christov (George Washington University) *The "Bolshevik Moment" contra the "Wilsonian Moment": The 'Self' in Self-Determination*

Sam Clarke (Cambridge University) *The Historical Materialist Moment in Mid-20th-Century British Histories of Science*

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6.45 pm

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Colonial studies: Race, Global Epistemology and Cultural Appropriations #2

Philippe Xing (Oxford University) *Racialising Civilisation: Phrenology, Scientific Naturalism and the Colonist's Dilemma*

Valentina Mann (Independent Scholar) *Cultures of Scientific Dissent at the 1904 Congress*

Yun Xie (Utrecht University) *From Hong Kong to the Netherlands: an Epistemological and Social History Behind the Hong Kong Type*

Franz L. Fillafer (Austrian Academy of Sciences) *Global Villages. Communes as Nodes of Inter-Imperial Social Reform in the Nineteenth Century*

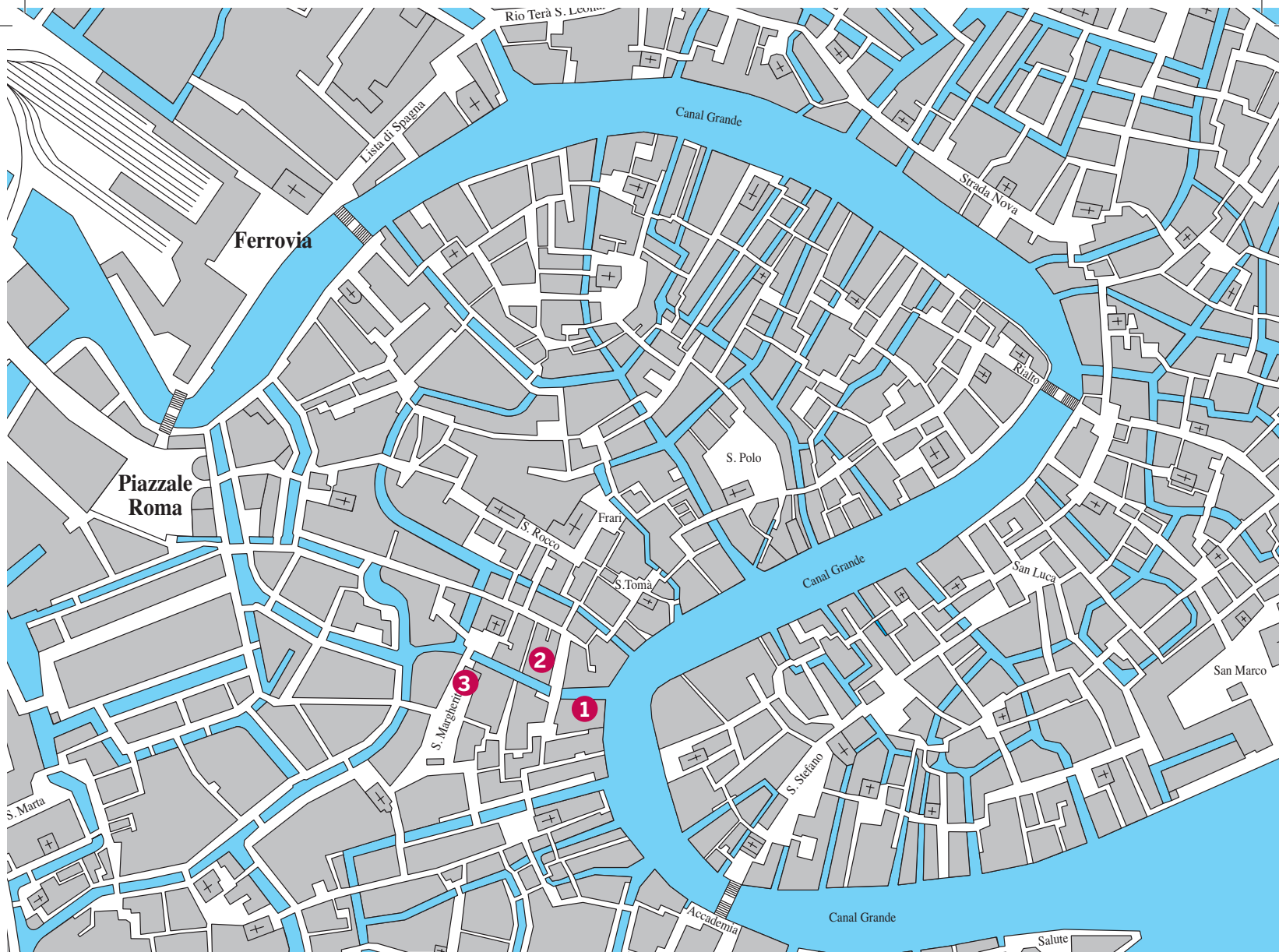
Auditorium Santa Margherita

Medical Thought in Historical and Cross-Cultural Perspective

Vigdis Evang (EUI, Florence) *The Printing of Plague Tracts*

Marcin Leszczyński (University of Lodz) *Development of Technology in George Canguilhem's Biophilosophy – Revisiting Thomas Willis' Medical Thought*

Yang Wang (Fudan University/ENS Paris) *Dose-Response Relationship Research on TCM Reconsidered: (Re)justifying the Testimony - "Secret of Chinese Medicine: It All Depends on the Dose(age)"*



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