

Mechanism, Life and Mind in the 'modern' era

Conference organized by Antonio Clericuzio (Roma Tre),
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08.50-09.00 Introduction and welcome

9.00-9.45: Guido Giglioni (Macerata)
*Scaliger Bacon Harvey: A Trajectory in the Early Modern
History of Vegetative Life*

9.45-10.30: Andreas Blank (Klagenfurt)
*Instrumental Causes and the Natural Origin of Souls in
Antonio Ponce Santacruz's Theory of Animal Generation*

10.30-11.15: Boris Demarest (Heidelberg)
*Soul, Archeus and Nature in van Helmont's
Medical Naturalism*

11.15-11.35: coffee break

11.35-12.20: Dana Jalobeanu (Bucharest)
and Oana Matei (Arad)
*A chemical natural history of vegetable bodies
in the seventeenth century*

12.20-13.05: Riccardo Chiaradonna (Roma Tre)
Plotinus and Ficino in Ralph Cudworth's philosophy of nature

13.05-15.00: Lunch

15.00-15.45: Delphine Bellis (Paul Valéry Univ, Montpellier)
Animal Life and the Human Mind in Gassendi's Philosophy

15.45-16.30: Barnaby Hutchins (Klagenfurt)
*Mechanism as a non-exhaustive ontology:
Descartes and irreducibles*

16.30-17.15: Domenico Bertoloni Meli (Bloomington Indiana)
Early Modern Mechanisms and the mechanical Philosophy

17.15-17.35: coffee break

17.35-18.20: Raphaële Andrault (ENS Lyon)
*Another kind of mechanism. The continuous chain
of sensations in anatomical experiments (1660-1690)*

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9.00-9.45: Luca Tonetti (Sapienza, Rome)
*Irritating drugs and affected solids:
The notion of "stimulus" in Baglivi's pathology*

9.45-10.30: Cécilia Bognon-Küss (Paris-Diderot)
Intussusception, vital mechanisms and the ontology of life

10.30-11.15: Justin Smith (Paris-Diderot)
Mechanism, Life, and Perception in Leibniz

11.15-11.35: coffee break

11.35-12.20: Matteo Favaretti Camposampiero (Venice)
The Life of the Soul: Christian Wolff on the Mind-Body Analogy

12.20-13.05: Liesbet De Kock (VUB Brussels)
*Mechanism and Teleology in Psychological Explanation:
On Causes, Motives and the Methodological Versatility
of Wilhelm Wundt's Scientific Psychology*

13.05-15.00: Lunch

15.00-15.45: Gabriel Finkelstein (Denver)
The Intellectual Origins of the Ignorabimus

15.45-16.30: Charles Wolfe (Ghent University)
*Vitalism and the metaphysics of life:
methodological reflections with particular reference
to the case of Montpellier vitalism*

16.30-17.15: Paolo Pecere (Roma Tre)
*Mechanism and "organisation of the mind"
from Kant to Helmholtz*

17.20-18.00: General Discussion

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Robert Hooke,
Micrographia,
1665