

From “Animal” to “Man”

The medical and philosophical debate on human intelligence and animal perceptual faculties between Aristotelianism, Cartesianism and Post-Cartesianism (16th–18th centuries)

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Provisional Conference Programme

Thursday 27th September, 2012

(Topoi Building, Hannoversche Straße 6, Seminar Room 1.03)

- 9.00 Introduction
(Roberto Lo Presti / Stefanie Buchenau / Philip van der Eijk)
- 1st session: chair Philip van der Eijk (Humboldt-Universität)**
- 9.15–10.00 **Stefano Perfetti** (*Università di Pisa*)
Discussions on animal thought in late-scholastic Aristotelianism. Agostino Nifo’s commentaries on Aristotle’s zoological works and *Parva naturalia*
- 10.00–10.45 **Hiro Hirai** (*Radboud University, Nijmegen*)
Animal and human generation and intellect in Renaissance medical debates
Coffee Break
- 11.15–12.00 **James Lennox / Peter Distelzweig** (*University of Pittsburgh*)
Sensation and locomotion in Aristotle, Fabricius and Harvey
- 12.00–12.45 **Davide Cellamare** (*Radboud University, Nijmegen*)
Renaissance psychology. Francisco Vallés (1524–1592) and Otto Casmann (1562–1607) on animal and human souls
Lunch
- 2nd session: chair Roberto Lo Presti (Humboldt-Universität / ANR-Philomed)**
- 14.15–15.00 **Cees Leijenhorst** (*Radboud University, Nijmegen*)
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- 15.00–15.45 **Dennis Des Chene** (*Washington University*)
Sennert and the seed: explaining substantial change in generation
Coffee Break
- 16.00–16.45 **Charles Wolfe** (*Universiteit Gent*)
The problem of living machines and life principles in early modern natural philosophy

Evening programme

(Hörsaalruine, Berliner Medizinhistorisches Museum, Charitéplatz 1 –
<http://www.bmm.charite.de/ruine/ruine.htm>)

- 19.00 Keynote Lecture:
Domenico Bertoloni Meli (*Indiana University*)
Machines of the body in the 17th century
Reception

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1st session: chair **Stephen Gaukroger (Sydney University)**

- 9.00–9.45 **Nunzio Allocca** (*Roma, La Sapienza*)
Beyond Aristotle's *Zoology* and Descartes' theory of living automata: natural history and compared anatomy at the seventeenth-century Académie Royale des Sciences of Paris
- 9.45–10.30 **Claire Crignon** (*Paris IV / ANR-Philomed*)
The debate on the soul of brutes in Thomas Willis *De Anima Brutorum*, London 1672
- Coffee Break**

Chair **Stefanie Buchenau (Paris 8 / ANR-Philomed)**

- 11.00–11.45 **Domenico Bertoloni Meli** (*Indiana University*)
Diseases of the brain seen through Giovanni Battista Morgagni's eyes
- 11.45–12.30 **Stephen Gaukroger** (*Sydney University*)
Sensibility as a precondition for perceptual cognition: Diderot and the French Lockean reaction to Descartes
- Lunch**

2nd session: chair **Claire Crignon (Paris IV / ANR-Philomed)**

- 14.00–14.45 **Rafael Mandressi** (*CNRS, Paris*)
Sensitive brutes. Félix Vicq d'Azyr and the comparative anatomy of the soul
- 14.45–15.30 **Tobias Cheung** (*Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin*)
The order of inner and outer acts in Cabanis's human animals
- 5 Minutes Break**
- 15.35–16.20 **Stefanie Buchenau** (*Paris 8 / ANR-Philomed*)
'Sensus communis', 'sensorium commune' and 'sensus internus' in the late German Enlightenment
- Coffee Break**

3rd session: chair **Christoph Lüthy (Radboud University, Nijmegen)**

- 16.45–18.45 General Discussion