Medicine in the Philosophy of Descartes
Lights & Shadows

19 - 20 November 2020

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Programme

19 November

9:00  Registration & Welcoming Address

9:30  Anatomical & Philosophical Issues on Hearts & Brains, from the writing of L’Homme to its Posthumous Publications
Annie Bitbol-Hespériès (Paris)

Session I - Three Sources in the Hole

10:30  Medical Perspectives in Francis Bacon’s Sylva Sylvarum
Stefano Falagiano (University of Urbino)

11:00  Epigenesis & Generative Power in Descartes’ Late-Scholastic Sources
Simone Guidi (IIIES-CNRS Rome)

11:30  Coffee Break

12:00  Ambroise Paré & René Descartes on Sensations in Amputated Limbs
Jil Muller (University of Strasbourg)

Session II - Physicians, Images, & Texts

12:30  Descartes’ Images of the Eye & the Anatomical, Optical, & Philosophical-Visual Traditions
Tawrin Baker (University Notre Dame)

13:00  Lunch

14:00  On Something Descartes Did not Study: Text & Diagrams
Fabrizio Baldassarri (ICUB - University of Bucharest)

14:30  Reading Descartes en Physicien. The Case of Vopiscus Fortunatus Plempius (1632–1664)
Mattia Mantovani (University of Leuven)

15:00  Metaphysical Diseases: On the Mind-Body Composition in Descartes
Franco Aurelio Meschini (University of Salento)

15:30  Coffee Break

16:00  ‘Madness is Somewhere between Chaos & Having a Dream’ Madness & Dream in Descartes’ First Meditation
Jan Forsman (Tampere University)

16:30  From the Animal Instinct to the Mind’s Acknowledgement of the (in)comoda
Clement Raymond (Université Lyon 3)

17:00  Descartes’ Cartesian Medicine: Past, Present, & Future
Gideon Manning (Claremont Graduate University)

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9:00  Welcoming Coffee

9:30  ‘Se Fusse Meno Cartesiano’ Anti-Cartesian Motifs in Italian Medicine
Maria Conforti (‘La Sapienza’ - University of Rome)

Session IV - Cartesian Medicine at Courts and Societies

10:30  Cartesian Medicine at the Court of Queen Christina of Sweden
Fabiola Zurlini (Studio Firmano)

11:00  A British Response to the Passions of the Soul
Daniel Samuel (Warburg Institute - University of London)

11:30  Coffee Break

Session V - Mechanical Medicine and Chemical Processes

12:00  Fermentation in Cartesian Physiology: A Iatromechanistic Process
Carmen Schmechel (Freie University, Berlin)

12:30  Skeptical Mechanism in the 17th- and 18th-Century Medicine: Di Capua & Boerhaave
Fabio Zampieri (University of Padua)

13:00  Lunch

14:00  The First Teaching of Cartesianism at Utrecht: The Lost Academic Dictations of Henricus Regius
Andrea Strazzoni (Basel University)

14:30  Pierre-Sylvain Régis, the Pineal Gland, & the Soul’s Simplicity
Aaron Spinck (Ohio State University)

15:00  Anti-Cartesian Tales of Animals: The Paracelsian Torpedo of Johann Ludwig Hannemann (1703-1710)
Stefano Gulizia (Statale University - Milan)

15:30  Coffee Break

16:00  ‘Of Poets & Physicians’ Literature & Medical Thought in Thirteenth-Century Italy
Matteo Pace (Columbia University)

Organisers

Fabrizio Baldassarri & Fabio Zampieri

Keynote Speakers

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Santorio Lecturers

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Session VI - Diverging Roads, Cartesianism and Beyond

Santorio Award Ceremony