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Why and How Do We Study
Early Modern Philosophy Today?

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Day 1 – 25 September 2025

D0002+D0003

Chair: Ursula Renz

09:00–09:45

Valerie Debuiche

Philosophical Chimeras of the History of Philosophy: the Case of Descartes' Dualism

09:55–10:40

Oliver Toth

Spinoza on Active Love

10:50–11:35

Daniel Bella

A proper concept? — Revisiting Spinoza's usage of 'propria'

11:45–12:30

Stephan Schmid

The Metaphysical Significance of Early Modern Philosophy: The Case of Spinoza

D1004

Chair: Sorana Corneanu

09:55–10:40

Fabian Marx

A micrological reading of the Later Cusanus

10:50–11:35

Adi Eyal Lautenschläger

Towards a poietic approach to the history of 17th century philosophy

11:45–12:30

Luce deLire

Learning to Live Inside the Problem Towards A History of Philosophical Troublemaking With Montaigne and Cavendish

D1005

Chair: Jonas Franzen

09:00–09:45

Richard Blum

Does Philosophy of Mind have a History?

09:55–10:40

Vili Lähteenmäki

Self-Cognition. Ideas all the way Down?

10:50–11:35

Maurizio Maione

The metaphorical mind. Abstraction as a cognitivesemantic and metaphorical process in the British Debate of the 18th Century.

11:45–12:30

Thomas Bellon

Is Method a 'Myth'? Revisiting A Controversial Category of Early Modern Epistemology Through Pascal's Case

Lunch Break

Chair: Hein van den Berg

13:30–14:15

Sophia Hallier

Modality of Thought in Spinoza (and Lewis) – a Sketch

14:25–15:10

Máté Juhász

Towards a Hermeneutics of Conatus Methodological Reflections on Reading Spinoza as an Ethical Egoist

15:20–16:05

Natalia Zorrilla Sirlin

Early modern feminism within early modern political philosophy: Poulain de la Barre's subversion of Hobbes

Chair: Hugo Hogenbirk

13:30–14:15

Sebastian Bender

Is Anne Conway a Monist?

14:25–15:10

Christian Henkel

Fundamentality, Simplicity and Mass-Energy: Du Châtelet's Theoretical Philosophy as a Reflection on Contemporary Physics

15:20–16:05

Timm Lampert

The Method of Analogy as Hermeneutic Tool: How to overcome Biases in the Interpretation of Newton's Experimental Philosophy

16:15–17:00

Hanna Szabelska

Jan Sniadecki's anti-Kantian sarcasm between the macrohistory of empiricism and the microhistory of experimental philosophy

Chair: Luce deLire

13:30–14:15

Ulrike Sprengel

Historical Understanding and the Author's Intention

14:25–15:10

Dino Jakusic

The Millennium Gap Theory and the Historiography of Early Modern Philosophy

15:20–16:05

Manuel Fasko

The Reason Why Canon Expansion is Crucial for Studying Early Modern Philosophy

16:15–17:00

Charlotte Baumann

Is Kant's universalist foundation of science colonialist – and (therefore) untrue?



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Mogens Lærke

What the devil do we think we are up to?
Some basic notions about practicing the history of philosophy
Moderator: Martin Lenz

Day 2 – 26 September 2025

D0002+D0003

Chair: Paola Rumore

09:00–09:45

Harmen Grootenhuys

Bradley's Challenge and a Metaphysics of Grounding for Spinoza

09:55–10:40

Stefanos Regkas

Spinoza's thorough aspectualism

10:50–11:35

Kajetan Škraban

Emergence of Sensible Intuition in pre-Kantian German Philosophy

11:45–12:30

Kas Bernays

Other Individuals: A Spinozist Account of the Right of Ecosystems

D1004

Chair: Charles Wolfe

09:00–09:45

Laura Georgescu

What's wrong with getting things right

09:55–10:40

Julia Borcharding

Early Modern Women Philosophers and the Canon: Back to the Drawing Board?

10:50–11:35

Hugo Dirk Hogenbirk

Digital Begriffsgeschichte for early modern history of philosophy?

11:45–12:30

Thijs Ossenkoppele

Counting the Bees: A Data-Driven Investigation Into Early Modern British Thought (1605–1776)

D1005

Chair: Christian Henkel

09:00–09:45

Bogdana Miletić

Material Objects and Properties in Margaret Cavendish's Ontology: Individuation and Mereology

09:55–10:40

Martin Fog Arndal

The Literary is Philosophical: Mary Cavendish's Poems on Natural Philosophy

10:50–11:35

Bodil Hvass Kjems

Gauging feminism in the Nordic gynaeceum: Casting Otto Spierling the Younger in three roles

11:45–12:30

Laura Stenzel

Margaret Cavendish on Perception and Causation

Lunch Break

Chair: Vili Lähtheenmäki

13:30–14:15

Andreas Scheib

Simon Foucher – looking for a "criterium general"

Chair: Sabrina Ebbersmeyer

13:30–14:15

Ariel Melamedoff

Contextualism and Anachronism in Early Modern Philosophy: The Two Contexts View

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Session on early career issues

Moderators: Martin Lenz & Alina Barendt

16:00–18:00 // D0002+D0003

Round Table

Why and how do we study early modern philosophy today?

Moderator: Martin Lenz

19:00

Conference Dinner



Day 3 – 27 September 2025

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Chair: Oliver Toth

09:00–09:45

Lucia Oliveri

Expressing Historically Well-Informed Ideas for a Contemporary Audience: Is Historically Well-Informed Fictionalism a Viable Alternative?

09:55–10:40

Kathrine Cuccuru

Why it is important that people like me read people like them and talk about it with people like you.

10:50–11:35

Diego Donna

Philosophising with and against systems

11:45–12:30

Silvia Manzo

Rethinking the history of early modern philosophy from Latin American colonial philosophy

D1004

Chair: Charlotte Baumann

09:00–09:45

Ane Maria Døhl

Keywords: Leibniz, characteristic universalis, knowledge representation and reasoning

09:55–10:40

Amedeo Robiolio

Completing Leibniz's phenomenology of reflexivity

10:50–11:35

Hein Van den Berg

The Spread of Wolff's Mathematical Method in 18th-Century Germany: A Data-Driven Investigation

11:45–12:30

Jonas Franzen

The Dawn of History?

D1005

Chair: Timm Lampert

09:00–09:45

Giulio Greco

Understanding Early Modern Philosophy through Reception: the case of Jean Bodin's Colloquium Heptaploeres

09:55–10:40

Joas Jeruël de Jong

Rhyming Poetic Truths: Giambattista Vico's Philosophy as a Model of Intersubjectivity

10:50–11:35

Charles Wolfe

Materialism and Heteronormativity

11:45–12:30

Hayat Grall

Leibnizian Aesthetics

12:30–14:30

General Meeting & Lunch Break



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Anik Waldow

Intellectual Identity, Alliances, and (Mis)recognition:
The Case of Marie de Gournay
Moderator: Martin Lenz

16:00

Farewell conversations

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