

THE ARCHITECTONICS OF REASON

Principles, Laws and Axioms in Early Modern Thought

July 12-16, 2016 | Alba Iulia | Romania

Tuesday, July 12		
Time	Room	Reading Group / Talk
9:00-9:50		Welcome Speech Octavian Gordon (Director of the National Library) Introductory Addresses Doina Hendre Biro (Batthyaneum Library) Dana Jalobeanu (IRH-ICUB, University of Bucharest) Tour of the Batthyaneum Library
10:00-11:30	Catholic Institute	Theories of principles (I): Aristotle's <i>Posterior Analytics</i> Texts: Aristotle, <i>Posterior Analytics</i> (fragments) Convener: Richard Serjeantson
11:30-12:00		Coffee break
12:00-13:30	Batthyaneum Catholic Institute	Trees of Knowledge (I) Texts: Proclus, <i>Commentary on Euclid</i> (fragments); John Dee, <i>Mathematical Preface</i> Conveners: Dana Jalobeanu, Ovidiu Babeş, Mihnea Dobre
13:30-14:30		Lunch break
14:30-15:25	Catholic Institute	Viktor Blåsjö, <i>The Greek Geometrical Tradition and Hobbes</i>
15:25-16:20	Catholic Institute	Iulia Mihai, <i>Determinism, Opportunism and Continuity: Euler and D'Alembert on the Motion of the String</i>
16:20-16:40		Coffee break
16:40-17:35	Catholic Institute	Elodie Cassan, <i>Reason and language in Descartes' philosophy</i>
17:35-18:30	Catholic Institute	Daniel Collette, <i>Pascal, Intuition, and the Geometric Method: Making Space for Doubt in a Scientific Mind</i>
19:00		Dinner
Wednesday, July 13		
Time	Room	Reading Group / Talk
9:00-9:50		Visit of the Astronomical Observatory, Batthyaneum Library

		Presentation: Doina Hendre Biro (Batthyaneum Library) Zsolt V. Grigoruț (Batthyaneum Library)
10:00-11:30	Catholic Institute	Trees of Knowledge (II) Texts: Bacon, <i>De augmentis scientiarum</i> ; Descartes, "Letter to the reader," <i>Principia philosophia</i> Conveners: Dana Jalobeanu, Doina-Cristina Rusu, Mihnea Dobre
	Batthyaneum	Theories of Principles (II): Principles in early modern optics Texts: Descartes, <i>Dioptrics</i> part 1; <i>Discourse on method</i> end of part 6; <i>Principia</i> III and IV; Kepler, <i>Dioptrice</i> the set of definitions, axioms and postulates Convener: Philippe Hamou
11:30-12:00		Coffee break
12:00-13:30	Catholic Institute	Regressus in Early Modern Thought (I) Texts: Zabarella Conveners: David Marshall Miller, Philippe Hamou
	Batthyaneum	Descartes on Language Texts: Descartes, Letters to Newcastle, to Morus and Mersenne; <i>Discours de la méthode</i> 5 Convener: Elodie Cassan
13:30-14:30		Lunch break
14:30-15:25	Batthyaneum Library, Aula Magna	Doina Hendre Biro , <i>Societas Litteraria Assiduorum. Une société savante fondée au XVIIIe siècle par le comte Ignace Batthyány, évêque de Transylvanie</i>
15:25-15:45		Coffee break
15:45-16:40	Catholic Institute	Richard Serjeantson , <i>Francis Bacon in Poland</i>
16:40-17:35	Catholic Institute	Balint Kekedi , <i>The Role of Teleological Considerations in the Explanation of Animal Behaviour in Descartes' Philosophy</i>
19:00		Dinner
Thursday, July 14		
Time	Room	Reading Group / Talk
10:00-11:30	Catholic Institute	Regressus in Early Modern Thought (II) Texts: Galileo Conveners: David Marshall Miller, Philippe Hamou
11:30-12:00		Coffee break
12:00-13:30	Catholic Institute	Theories of accommodation in early modern thought: Galileo, Burnet and Newton on the interpretation of Scriptures Texts: Galileo's letter to the Grand Duchess Christina, the correspondence Newton-Burnet. Convener: Rob Iliffe
13:30-14:30		Lunch break

14:30-15:25	Catholic Institute	Rob Iliffe , <i>Saint Isaac</i>
15:25-15:45		Coffee break
15:45-16:40	Catholic Institute	Iovan Drehe , <i>'Dérégler le jugement': On the Internal Causes of Fallacies in the Port-Royal Logic and Beyond</i>
17:00		Bus travel to dinner at Remetea (Conacul Secuiesc)
Friday, July 15		
Time	Room	Reading Group / Talk
10:00-11:30	Catholic Institute	Arts of Thinking (I) Text: Locke, <i>Of the Conduct of the Understanding</i> Convener: Sorana Corneanu
	Baththaneum	Gassendi Text: Gassendi, <i>The Physics</i> (fragments) Conveners: Delphine Bellis, Doina-Cristina Rusu
11:30-12:00		Coffee break
12:00-13:30	Catholic institute	Arts of Thinking (II) Texts: Pascal, <i>L'esprit géométrique</i> Convener: Vlad Alexandrescu
	Baththaneum	Motion in Cavendish and More Texts: Margaret Cavendish, <i>Observations on experimental philosophy</i> (fragments); Henry More (letters to Descartes and other fragments) Conveners: Laura Georgescu, Grigore Vida
13:30-14:30		Lunch break
14:30-15:25	Catholic Institute	Philippe Hamou , <i>Physics in the Broad Sense: Boyle, Newton and the Baconian Metaphysical Physics</i>
15:25-16:20	Catholic Institute	Rodolfo Garau , <i>Providence and Self-Preservation in Spinoza's Philosophy</i>
16:20-16:40		Coffee break
16:40-17:35	Catholic Institute	Matias Slavov , <i>Hume on the Laws of Physics: The Tacit Assumption of Mechanism</i>
17:35-18:30	Catholic Institute	Catalin Avramescu , <i>Francis Bacon: Laws of Nature and the Art of Government</i>
19:00		Dinner