

Seminar: ‘Meeting Spinoza: Books, Letters, Networks, Personal Encounters’

Date:

October 5-6, 2017

Venue:

Fundatie van de Vrijvrouwe van Renswoude
Agnietenstraat 5, Utrecht, The Netherlands

Keynote speakers:

Raphaële Andraut (CNRS, IHRIM, ENS-Lyon)

Mogens Laerke (CNRS, IHRIM, ENS-Lyon)

Steven Nadler (Wisconsin-Madison)

Antonella Del Prete (Tuscia University)

Registration:

Attendance is free, but due to the limited seating capacity please register by email (meetingspinoza@gmail.com) on or before October 1.

Organizers:

Albert Gootjes

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Programme

Thursday, October 5

9:30-10:00 Registration and coffee

10:00-11:30 Session 1: *Stoic Books and Letters*

- Adam Smrcz (Eotvos Lorand University Budapest / Hungarian Academy of Sciences Budapest) and Oliver Istvan Toth (Eotvos Lorand University Budapest / Alpen-Adria Universität Klagenfurt): ‘The Missing Books from Spinoza’s Library: The Case of Justus Lipsius, Spinoza, and Stoicism’
- Christopher Quintana (Villanova): ‘Spinoza’s Stoic Letters’

11:30-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-12:45 Keynote 1

- Steven Nadler (University of Wisconsin-Madison): “Spinoza and Menasseh ben Israel: Facts and Fictions”

12:45-14:15 Lunch

14:15-15:45 Session 2: *The Amsterdam and Leiden Networks*

- Russ Leo (Princeton University): ‘Baruch Spinoza, Lodewijk Meyer, *Nil Volentibus Arduum*, and the Philosophy of Neoclassicism’
- Eric Jorink (Huygens ING / Leiden University): ‘Spinoza, Steno, and Swammerdam and the Leiden Medical Faculty’

15:45-16:00 Tea break

16:00-17:30 Session 3: *Concerned Calvinists*

- Esther Shallan (Oxford Brookes University): ‘Ill-argued, Ill-met: Spinoza’s Correspondence and Encounter with Willem van Blijenbergh’
- Matthias Mangold (ETF Leuven): ‘Salomon van Til (1643-1713) and the Reception of Spinoza among Late Seventeenth-Century Dutch Aristocrats’

19:00-21:00 Conference dinner

Friday, October 6

9:00-9:15 Coffee

9:15-10:45 Session 5: *Meeting the Natural Philosophers*

- Chris Meyns (Utrecht University): ‘Spinoza’s Circle of Optics’
- Daniel Schneider (University of Haifa): ‘A Meeting Once Removed: Boyle and Spinoza, the Worm and Blood’

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:00 Keynote 2:

- Antonella Del Prete (Tuscia University): ‘Cartesian Fluctuations: Van Velthuysen and Spinoza’

12:00-13:30 Lunch break

13:30-15:00 Session 4: *Friends or Foes?*

- Edwin Curley (University of Michigan): ‘Overcoming Enmity: Spinoza’s Correspondence with Van Velthuysen (Ep. 42, 43, and 69)’
- Maxime Rovere (Pontifícia Universidade Católica, Rio de Janeiro): ‘Resisting Spinoza: Bouwmeester, Van den Enden, and Kerckrinck’s Objections to Spinoza’s Intellectualism’

15:00-15:15 Tea break

15:15-16:00 Session 6: *Scholastic Encounters*

- Stephen Zylstra (University of Toronto): ‘Spinoza on Emanation and Immanent Causation: Assessing the Influence of Scholasticism’

16:00-17:00 Keynote 3:

- Raphaële Andraut (CNRS, IHRIM, ENS-Lyon) and Mogens Laerke (CNRS, IHRIM, ENS-Lyon): ‘The Paris Constellations, 1665-1679: Experimentalism and Epistemology’