



All Souls College Seminar in Early Modern Intellectual History

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As always, this year's iteration of the Seminar in Early Modern Intellectual History will consist of papers on a wide range of subjects: philosophy, science, scholarship, religion, politics, and the social setting of early modern intellectual life. While we had hoped to run the seminar in hybrid format, it will initially commence as an online only event, hosted on **Zoom** (it is possible that we will switch to a hybrid format in Trinity term).

Since we are unable to bring outside speakers to Oxford, we have chosen to put on a programme of scholars currently working within the University. This also provides an opportunity to mark the launch of the [Oxford Centre for Intellectual History](#), and to showcase the great range of intellectual history being done across various faculties.

All sessions will be held on **Tuesdays, 2–4pm UK time** (regular attendees of previous sessions will want to note the new time). Links to each session will be sent out the preceding evening. Accordingly, please [register here](#) by 12pm on the day before (e.g. 15 February for the first session). You need only register once – subsequently, you will receive invitations to all the other sessions. You can unsubscribe at any time.

The programme is on the next page. All very welcome, and we especially extend the invitation to graduate students from institutions outside Oxford.

Programme

- 16 February* **DMITRI LEVITIN** (All Souls, Oxford), “‘No Other Issue in the History of Ideas has ever been Subjected to the Same Degree of Scrutiny’”. The Origins of the Synoptic Problem, from Palestine to Göttingen (via India)’
- 23 February* **MICHELLE PFEFFER** (Magdalen, Oxford), ‘The Making of a Materialist in Seventeenth-Century England: Scholarship, Society, and the Soul’
- 2 March* **GRANTLEY MCDONALD** (Faculty of Music, Oxford), ‘Georgius Slatkonja and the Viennese Network of Humanists and Natural Philosophers around the Court of Maximilian I Habsburg’
- 9 March* **AUDREY BOROWSKI** (Queen’s, Oxford), ‘Gottfried Leibniz on the *Querelle des anciens et des modernes* and the Republic of Letters’
- 27 April* **JAMES HOOKS** (Lincoln College, Oxford), ‘Mary Astell and Pierre Bayle: On the Margins of Toleration’
- 4 May* **RUGGERO SCIUTO** (Wolfson/Voltaire Foundation, Oxford), ‘Hiding Between the Lines: God, Causation, and Laws of Nature in the Works of the Baron d’Holbach’
- 11 May* **CHRISTIAN WITT** (Leibniz Institut für Europäische Geschichte, Mainz/St Anne’s, Oxford), ‘The Discovery of Religious Maturity and the Emergence of Critique. Exemplary Reflections on the Relationship between Reformation and Enlightenment’
- 18 May* **SOPHIE ROUX** (École Normale Supérieure, Paris/All Souls, Oxford), ‘The Life and Works of Jacques Du Roure. Hunting for an Unknown Cartesian’