

RENAISSANCE PHILOSOPHY ONLINE

A PERMANENT FORUM
ON EARLY MODERN
THINKING AND
SCHOLARSHIP



(Giorgione, *The Three Philosophers*, c. 1506-1508, oil on canvas, Kunsthistorisches Museum, Wien)

28/01/2022, 17.00-19.00

MARCO GHIONE (Università del Piemonte Orientale)

Anima e numero nel platonismo rinascimentale

25/02/2022, 17.00-19.00

LUCA BURZELLI (KU Leuven)

Concordia discordantium. Augustinian Elements in Pierre d'Ailly's Defense of Astrology

25/03/2022, 17.00-19.00

LEONARDO GRACIOTTI (Northwestern Italian Philosophy Consortium FINO)

Utrum molles carnes sint apti mente: touch and melancholia in Pomponazzi's thought

29/04/2022, 17.00-19.00

VALÉRIE CORDONIER (University of Fribourg-CNRS Paris)

TOMMASO DE ROBERTIS (University of Pennsylvania)

Chrysostomus Javelli's Epitome on the Liber de bona fortuna

27/05/2022, 17.00-19.00

SHINGO AKIMOTO (Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas, IHD)

Guillaume Budé et la nouvelle figure de l'orateur dans les tribunaux

Description of the forum

Nearly a century and a half ago, Victor Cousin, one of the leading advocates of the new discipline of the history of philosophy in post-revolutionary French universities, came up with an unfortunate zinger about Renaissance philosophy that stuck around for a long while and that many canonical histories of philosophy still endorse today: ‘The absence of method: this is the fundamental vice of fifteenth- and sixteenth-century philosophy’. Distant from the methodically organized mind of scholastic philosophers and theologians as well as unable to aspire to the metaphysical heights of Descartes’s philosophy, Renaissance thinking and its applications looked to Cousin like a perplexing gap in the otherwise continuous history of the discipline to which he and his followers laid the foundations during the nineteenth century.

By launching Renaissance Philosophy Online (RPO), we would like to highlight continuities and discontinuities within the field of Renaissance philosophy without the need to embrace assumptions and canons that belong to periods that are deemed, allegedly, to be more philosophical. By asking ourselves what’s wrong with doing history of Renaissance philosophy, we will explore the way in which philosophers – and physicians, philologists, science practitioners, editors and artists – tried to articulate a new way of thinking in order to understand the new world that was taking shape at the time. Monthly meetings will be online so as to encourage a fruitful exchange of thoughts and experiences among scholars from different places and backgrounds who like to explore the Renaissance way of thinking. RPO is designed as a welcoming forum where to exchange ideas, an opportunity to share our own research and work in order to receive feedbacks and suggestions, while stimulating new avenues of investigations. Moreover, our aim is to establish a network among scholars who are interested in fostering academic cooperation on Renaissance philosophy. We firmly believe that, by opening different perspectives on Renaissance philosophy and by accepting to extend the meaning of the term ‘philosophy’ to that wide range of sciences, arts and crafts that coexisted with it at the time, we can reach a better understanding of a fundamental turning point in the history of culture as well as a deeper awareness of what philosophy could be today.

Each meeting will be introduced by a different lecturer who will present his most recent work before opening the discussion. The speaker will provide us with an abstract that will circulate in advance. Meetings will follow a monthly pattern, falling on the last Friday of the month.

Language

With the aim of involving as many scholars as possible, we intend to give everyone the freedom to express themselves in the language of their choice, keeping English as the lingua franca of the situation.

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