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From Automata to Transhumans

Debating Human Nature
and its Limitations
1600-2000

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21 April

- 08:30 *Registration*
- 08:45 *Welcoming Address*
- 09:00 **Hydraulics Elements in 16th-Century Medicine**
Michael Stolberg
- 09:30 Discussion
- 09:40 **Mistranslating Physiology: Separating Nature & Thought in the 17th Century**
Thomas Murphy
- 10:00 **Birth Control & Other Menstrual Technologies**
Ainhoa Rodriguez
- 10:20 Discussion
- 10:30 **The Quest for the Smallest Particle: Mechanical Views amongst 17th-Century Microscopists**
Sietske Fransen
- 13:10 *Lunch Break*
- 14:15 **Homo Potens Non Mori: The Actualisation of the Ideal Human in the Works of Roger Bacon**
Meagan Allen
- 14:45 Discussion
- 14:55 **The Idea of Perfectible Manin Condorcet's Philosophy: A Utopian or Realistic Vision?**
Olga Vinogradova
- 15:15 **Transhumanist Immortality and the Heideggerian Phenomenology: the Death of Biological Automata and Existing Beings**
Jessica Lombard
- 15:35 **Spiritual Automata & Bodies Without Organs: Spinoza, Deleuze, and Parallelism**
Emanuele Costa
- 15:55 Discussion
- 16:10 *Coffee Break*
- 11:00 Discussion
- 11:10 *Coffee Break*
- 11:30 **Descartes on Clocks & Automata**
Jil Muller
- 11:50 **Reprogramming the Bêtes Machines: "Institution of Nature"**
Mattia Mantovani
- 12:10 Discussion
- 12:20 **Automaton in the Chinese Room: Descartes' Causal Theory of Representation**
William Eaton
- 12:40 **All is One: Chinese Philosophy & the Early Modern Anti-Monist Argument**
Mateusz Janik
- 13:00 Discussion
- 16:30 **Blurring Bounderies: 18th-Century Garden Theories and the Role of the Beholders in Jacques Vaucanson's Automatic performances**
Albert Kozik
- 16:50 **Mechanical People in a Mechanical Theater: A Study of the Mimetic Essence of the Machine**
Ksenia Dergurova
- 17:10 **Neither Comic nor Corpse: Revisiting Braccelli's Bizzarie di varie figure**
Nicole Howard
- 17:30 Discussion
- 17:45 **Thinking Tools & Extended Minds: Is There Such a Thing as a Natural Organon of Knowledge?**
Guido Giglioni
- 18:15 Discussion & Final Remarks

22 April

- 09:30 **What was Early Modern Life Science, a Science of?**
Charles T. Wolfe
- 10:00 Discussion
- 10:10 **Monads and automates incorporelles. Leibnizian Suggestions for the Contemporary Trans-/Posthuman Ontologies**
Mattia Geretto
- 10:30 **Beyond Human is a Machine Made by Human Hand! Leibniz's "Maker-Reflections" on His Arithmetical Machine**
Chen Herman
- 13:00 *Lunch Break*
- 14:15 **Inventing the Knowledge for the Universe. Changing Ideas from the Renaissance to Today**
Ruth E. Hagengruber
- 14:45 Discussion
- 14:55 **Robots and the History of the Mind-Body Problem**
Paul Richard Blum
- 15:15 **Transcending the Human: The Disavowal of Anthropocentrism in Contemporary Philosophical Thought**
Rahma Khazam
- 15:35 **Ayn Rand Today: The Problem of Implicit Tribalism by Social Networking**
Dorian Weiß
- 15:55 Discussion
- 16:10 *Coffee Break*
- 10:50 **The Metaphor of the State as Automaton in Hobbes's Leviathan**
Diana Fuhr
- 11:10 Discussion
- 11:25 *Coffee Break*
- 11:40 **Virtus Formativa: An interdisciplinary Approach to Albert the Great's Embryology**
Amalia Cerrito
- 12:10 Discussion
- 12:20 **The Epistemic Category of Vegetative: A Historical Tracking Indicator for Understanding the Evolution of Western Medicine Toward Transhumanism**
Sarah Carvallo
- 12:50 Discussion
- 16:30 **Transhumanism and Human Enhancements**
Aura Schussler
- 16:50 **From Automaton to Cyborg: Thinking Together Technique and the Human**
Emanuele Clarizio
- 17:10 Discussion
- 17:20 **The Figure of the Cyborg: Between Science and Fiction, the Posthuman and the Transhuman**
Thierry Hoquet
- 17:50 Discussion
- 18:00 **Springs of Decay: Architectural lability & Automatization of Pleasure Inside Pinczow Bathhouse in Lesser Poland, ca. 1610**
Aleksander Musiał
- 18:20 Discussion
- 18:25 Closing Remarks

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