

THE SENSE OF TOUCH

Medieval and Modern Debates in Philosophy and Science

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MONDAY, 19 JUNE 2023



15:00-15:10 Welcome Address

THE LATE MIDDLE AGES

chair: Andreas Lammer

- 15:10-16:10 **Monika Mansfeld** (University of Łódź)
Is Touch the Only Sense an Animal Needs?
A Study of the Oxford Commentaries on *De sensu et sensato* from the Thirteenth Century
- 16:20-17:20 **Chiara Beneduce** (Radboud University)
Labour Pain and Touch in Late Medieval Science
- 17:30-18:30 **Aurélien Robert** (CNRS, Paris)
Nicholas of Autrécourt on the Superiority of Touch

TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2023

THE RENAISSANCE

chair: Ted van Aanholt

- 10:00-11:00 **Elisabeth Moreau** (University of Cambridge)
Touch and Tangibility in Late Renaissance Medicine
- 11:10-12:10 **Viktoria von Hoffmann** (F.R.S.-FNRS/University of Liège)
The Dissection of the Hand.
Debates about Touch in Italian Renaissance Anatomy
- 12:10-13:30 *lunch break*

THE EARLY MODERN AGE

chair: Carla Rita Palmerino

- 13:30-14:30 **Daniel Heider** (Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague)
Touch in Second Scholasticism.
Francisco Suárez, John Poinset, Bartolomeo Mastri and Bonaventura Belluto
- 14:40-15:40 **Mattia Mantovani** (KU Leuven)
Seeing by Hands. Roger Bacon, Descartes, Berkeley
- 15:50-16:50 **Alison Simmons** (Harvard University)
In or Out. The Sense of Touch in Descartes

WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE 2023

THE MODERN AGE

chair: Christoph Lüthy

- 09:00-10:00 **Luca Tonetti** (Università degli Studi di Padova)
From Fingertips to Papillae.
Malpighi Exploring the Sense of Touch
- 10:10-11:10 **Antonia LoLordo** (University of Virginia)
Mary Shepherd and Her Predecessors on Extension,
Solidity, Vision, and the Sense of Touch
- 11:20-12:20 **Denise Vincenti** (Università degli Studi di Milano-
Bicocca)
Touch *a priori*.
Nineteenth-Century Psychology and the Genesis of
Spatial Perception
- 12:20-14:00 *lunch break*

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