
“EXPLORING THE PHILOSOPHY OF ÉMILIE DU CHÂTELET”

Center for Science and Society

Heyman Center

Columbia University

1-3 June 2016

DAY 1: Châtelet and her Historical-Philosophical Milieu

A: Châtelet and her Predecessors

- 8:45-9:30 Breakfast
- 9:30-9:45 Introduction
- 9:45-10:45 Marguerite Deslauriers, “Aspects of Aristotle in du Châtelet’s Dissertation sur la nature et la propagation du feu”
- 10:45-11:45 Sarah Hutton, “Madame du Châtelet—The Italian Dimension”
- 11:45-12:00 Break
- 12:00-1:00 Mary Terrall, “Reading in the Margins of Emilie du Châtelet’s Translation of Newton”
- 1:00-2:00 Lunch delivered to Heyman Center

B: Method and Metaphysics

- 2:00-3:00 Lisa Downing, “A Metaphysics for Newton—Lockean or Leibnizian?”
- 3:00-4:00 Katherine Brading, “Du Châtelet on Scientific Methodology”
- 4:00-4:15 Break
- 4:15-5:15 Eric Schliesser, “Two Prophecies of Scientific Progress”
- 5:15-5:30 Break
- 5:30-6:30 Ruth Hagenruber, “Emilie du Châtelet—Renovator of Metaphysics”

DAY 2: Châtelet and her Philosophical Physics

C: Physics and Philosophy

- 9:00-9:45 Breakfast
- 9:45-10:45 Marius Stan, “The Science of du Chatelet’s Institutions and its Grounding”
- 10:45-11:45 Andrea Reichenberger, “Back to Newton? Emilie du Chatelet’s Formulation and Interpretation of the Laws of Motion”
- 11:45-12:00 Break
- 12:00-1:00 Karen Detlefsen, “Émilie du Châtelet and the Vis Viva Controversy”
- 1:00-2:30 Lunch delivered to Heyman Center

- 2:30-3:30 Marij van Van Strien, "Between Leibniz and Laplace: Du Châtelet on Determinism and the Law of Continuity"
- 3:30-4:30 Anne-Lise Rey, "The Conception of Matter in the Institutions de Physique"
- 4:30-4:45 Break
- 4:45-5:45 Katherine Dunlop, "Du Châtelet on the Varieties of Force"
- 6:30 Dinner at Christia Mercer's apartment, 455 Central Park West, 14A (enter on W. 105th St.).

DAY 3: Châtelet on Order and Happiness

D: Social Order, Virtue, and Happiness

- 9:00- 9:30 Breakfast
- 9:30-10:30 Andrew Janiak, "Du Chatelet and the Virtue of Systematicity"
- 10:30-11:30 Marcy Lascano, "Emilie du Châtelet on God, Freedom, and Happiness"
- 11:30-11:45 Break
- 11:45-12:45 Matt Jones, "From Sociability to Vis-Viva: Emilie Du Châtelet on Social and Natural Order"