

Workshop On:
‘The Idea, History and Institutional Foundations of Science’
Maynooth University, Iontas Seminar Room

Saturday 9 December 2017: 09.15 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

This Workshop (No. 2) is organised as part of a research project that focuses on the philosophical and institutional foundations of ‘scientific empiricism’, i.e., the association of rationality with systematic models which are compatible with experience and/or experiments. The project draws a historical and conceptual line of reflection from the schools of the 14th century, through renaissance humanism, the early modern scientific revolution, the Kantian critique, up to and including contemporary science, while addressing the phenomenological attempt to found the natural and human sciences in the twentieth century.

9.00 Registration and Introduction

9.15 Chair: Andrew Meszaros (St Patrick’s College Maynooth)

Catherine Kavanagh: *‘The University’s Role in Discerning/ Determining which Approaches Count as Scientific through the Ages’* (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick)

Gordon Campbell: *‘Just a “Likely Story”? The Status of Scientific Enquiry in the Atomists and Plato’s Timaeus’* (Maynooth University)

10.45 Coffee Break

11.00 Chair: Denise Ryan (St Patrick’s College Maynooth)

Simon Nolan: *‘Gerard of Bologna, O.Carm. (d.1317) on the Relationship among Philosophy, Science and Theology’* (Maynooth University)

Amos Edelheit: *‘Medicine, Law and Philosophy in Padua and Florence in the 15th Century’* (Maynooth University)

Andrea Reichenberger: *‘Emilie du Châtelet: What Kind of Rationalist?’* (Centre for Women Philosophers and Scientists, Paderborn University, Germany)

1.00 Lunch Break

2.00 Chair: Patrick Gorevan (St Patrick’s College Maynooth)

Gaven Kerr: *‘Scientism or Metaphysicism?’* (Maynooth University)

Cyril McDonnell: *‘Different Scientific Methods in Twentieth Century Phenomenology’* (Maynooth University)

Mette Lebech: *‘Stein’s Contribution to the Phenomenological Foundation of the Science of the Humanities’* (Maynooth University)

4.00 Coffee Break

4.30 Chair: Angelo Bottone (University College Dublin & School of Arts, Dublin Business School)

Peter Van der Burgt: *‘Old Earth or Evolutionary Creation? – Current Engagements between Natural Science and Christian Theology’* (Maynooth University)

William Desmond: *‘Scientism, Curiosity and the Contraction of Wonder’* (Maynooth University, KU Leuven & Villanova U.S.A.)

6.00 Close of Workshop