

Highlight of the Year

Awarding of the Elisabeth of Bohemia Prize on Wednesday September 28th, 2022.

On September 28th, 2022, the Center for the History of Women Philosophers awarded the only existing prize for research on Women Philosophers! The [Elisabeth of Bohemia Prize](#) is awarded to an outstanding contemporary philosopher in honor of Elisabeth of Bohemia (1618-1680). Elisabeth of Bohemia was the eldest daughter of Prince Friedrich V. of the Palatinate and his wife Elisabeth Stuart. In her time Elisabeth of Bohemia was also a well-known European intellectual and one of the most famous correspondents of Descartes.



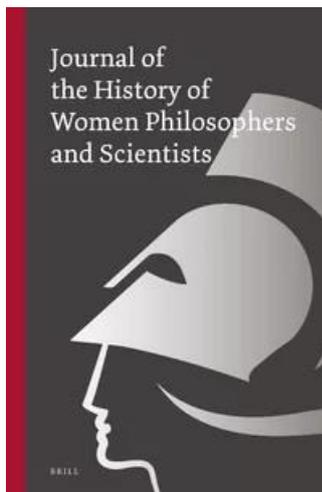
The Elisabeth of Bohemia Prize honors scholars whose work extensively and impressively acknowledges the contributions of women to the history of philosophy. It is the first prize of its kind and is awarded by the *Center for the History of Women Philosophers* and by its director, [Prof. Ruth Hagengruber](#), at Paderborn University. The award is donated by [Prof. Ulrike Detmers](#), spokeswoman of the Mestemacher Group and professor at Bielefeld University of Applied Sciences, who is from Herford like Elisabeth. We are honored and grateful to be awarding this prize every year to scholars doing monumental research for women in the history of philosophy.

The committee consists of Director of the Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, Ruth Hagengruber, the recipient of the 2019 Elisabeth of Bohemia Prize, [Mary Ellen Waithe](#), Organizer of one of the [first international conferences on women philosophers and scientists](#) in northern Italy Gianni Paganini and Editor of the [British Journal for the History of Philosophy](#), Micheal Beaney.

This year the prize went to [Professor Sarah Hutton](#), from the University of York. Her research focuses on Renaissance and Seventeenth-century literature and intellectual history, including the history of science and history of philosophy. She is also a specialist in the History of Women Philosophers and one of the leading international experts on early modern women's writing. She has published, among other books a re-edition of *Anne Conway's Letters* and many articles on Anne Conway, Margaret Cavendish, Mary Astell and Émilie du Châtelet.

Forthcoming Publications

The First Ever [Journal of the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists](#) is now Online!



ISSUE I AND ISSUE II are soon fully available online, for the first available articles, click [here](#).

Anyone who studied philosophy with open eyes could not fail to notice that from the very beginning, women philosophers have had an important function in the history of philosophy. How could we philosophize without starting with Plato and Socrates, and ignoring Socrates' female teachers? And yet this has been the reality in the institutions of philosophy teaching, in universities, schools and academies, worldwide.

How was it possible that so many famous names were mentioned but not taught? Theano, Diotima, Aspasia, Hildegard of Bingen, Teresa of Avila, Margaret Cavendish, Elizabeth of Bohemia, Anne Conway, Émilie Du Châtelet, Olympe de Gouges, Mary

Wollstonecraft, and Harriet Taylor Mill never completely disappeared, even though they had been eradicated from the patriarchal canon of institutional teaching.

Working together for now and the future, we participate in the creation of anthologies, translations, encyclopedias, conferences, symposia, research programs and curricula devoted to reclaiming, restoring and reconsidering what women's contributions have been to our discipline.

The [Journal of the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists](#) provides a scholarly venue for discussing works by women who have made significant contributions to what is now the academic discipline of philosophy as well as to the theoretical foundations of other disciplines, including the physical sciences, mathematics, social sciences, medicine, economics, religion, and so forth.

We seek and encourage the submission of individual articles that introduce readers to the works of marginalized women theorists: those who wrote in languages other than English, who published under male pseudonyms, those whose work has been recently discovered, and women whose work had been appropriated or plagiarized by others, etc.

Thematic issues will support the integration of the vast material that is now waiting to be included into the catalogue of philosophical ideas, while the second part of each volume,

issue 2 of each year, is open to all contributions. There will be two calls for papers, the first one for a themed issue, with a submission deadline usually set for March, the second for the non-themed issue, will usually have a submission deadline of August. As in this volume, issue 1 and 2 may have some overlapping, or closely-related entries.

- Written by the Founders Ruth E. Hagengruber & Mary Ellen Waithe

One of the FIRST articles in the Journal on the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists: [Karen Green](#) on [The Human in Feminist Theory: Or Woman Is a Social Animal, I'm Not So Sure About Man](#)

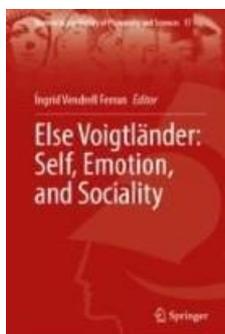
A feminist humanism, unlike those developed by men, would recognize that the authoritative, human subject comes in two sexes. While not being essentialist, it would accept the existence of biological, sexual difference, while taking seriously historical and cultural diversity. It would find female subjects, not in their bodies, but in their contributions to intellectual history...Read more [here](#).

In the Journal you can also find articles by [Bodil Hvass Kjems](#), [Julie Van Camp](#), [Irene Breuer](#), [Monica Mastrantonio](#), [Priyanka Jha](#), [Jonathan Head](#), [Piergiacomo Severini](#)

New Book in the [Springer Book Series](#): Women in the History of Philosophy and Sciences!

[Else Voigtländer](#): Self, Emotion, and Sociality by [Ingrid Vendrell Ferran](#)

[ISBN: 978-3-031-18760-5](#)



[Else Voigtländer](#) wrote in her dissertation, published in 1910, *Vom Selbstgefühl*, on feelings of self-esteem as types of charactertraits and phenomenologies about feelings. She was among the first within the phenomenological movement to investigate phenomena such as resentment, inauthentic feelings and erotic love.

This book is the first to offer a full account of the philosophical work of Else Voigtländer. Locating the sources of her thought in the philosophy and psychology of the

nineteenth and twentieth century and 20th centuries in figures such as Nietzsche and Lipps, the volume book uncovers and examines [Voigtländer's](#) intellectual exchanges with both phenomenology and psychoanalysis. The major themes within her work are considered in 12 expertly written chapters that also cover more recent developments in the philosophy of self, emotion, and sociality. The book appeals to scholars who are interested in the history of philosophy, and in particular of phenomenology, as well as those working on the philosophical roots of psychology and in women's studies.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for the Springer Book Series, you can contact [Ruth Hagengruber](#), [Mary Ellen Waithe](#) or [Gianni Paganini](#)

Upcoming Events

[New Voices Talk Series: Women and Their Body](#)

The Winter Term Talk Series, organized by Jil Muller, is dedicated to Women and their body. The first talk took place on Thursday, 20th of October, at 4 pm (CTE). In addition there will be a [conference](#) dedicated to the topic Women and Their Body March 15th – 17th.

Everyone is welcome to attend. To register and to receive the zoom invitation, please send an email to contact@historyofwomenphilosophers.org

Recent events have shown that it is urgent and fundamentally important to shed new light, through philosophical, linguistic, literary, scientific, medical and artistic perspectives, on the female body and the position of women in relation to their body. Too often it seems that women



do not have the right to determine their own body, although men have never been deprived of this right. The question of power over the body is strongly linked to the distinction between men and women. It seems that men have more rights and power on their own body than women. But how is this possible? What is the status of the female body in culture and society? Why is the female body both, an object of desire and a battlefield for demonstrating male power? To what extent have

medicine and technology interfered in recent years with the female body and with what consequences?

The whole program:

17th November 2022 (16-18h): Maria Borges: "[Body and the duty to be beautiful](#)"

Abstract: In this presentation, I aim at analyzing the importance of beauty for contemporary women. I begin by showing some traditional views in the history of Philosophy, such as Kant's conception that "woman is beautiful while man is sublime". I claim that beauty is still considered one of the main assets for women, not only in the "dating scene" but also in the pursue of a carrier. I show the criticism of beauty practices in the feminist literature. I then argue that in the XXI century, beauty is not only a natural asset but became a duty. From the 20th century on, we see aesthetic procedures becoming popularized, that can be enjoyed by an increasing number of women. Liposuction, Botox, breast prosthesis implants, dental bleaching, modification of the capillary structure are becoming increasingly common and accessible. At the end I argue whether beauty is always oppressive, or we could reconceptualize the concept of beauty in order to create a new inclusive idea that incorporates a plurality of bodies.

December 2022 (16-18h): Marjolein Oele: "[Pregnant Constellations and their Demise: A Phenomenology of Miscarriage](#)"

January 2023 (16-18h): Cornelia Möser: "[Sexual bodies. On desire and pleasure in feminist and LGBTQ thoughts](#)"

February 2023 (16-18h): Megan Gallagher: "[Embodying Consent: Agency and Autonomy in Contemporary Feminist Thought](#)"

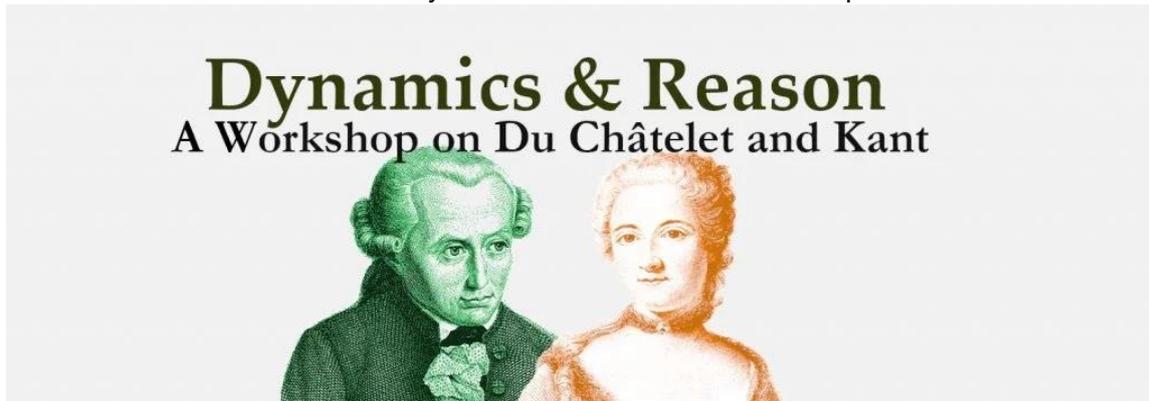
March 2023 (16-18h): Willemijn Ruberg: "[Gender and the history of the right to bodily integrity](#)"

New Voices on Women in the History of Philosophy is a group for emerging scholars (in the widest sense) at the Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists. New Voices has the purpose of creating a forum for emerging international scholars who work on women in the history of philosophy. New Voices intends to interconnect and further the work of scholars in the field of Women Philosophers in the History of Philosophy. If you want to become a member please send us an E-mail: contact@historyofwomenphilosophers.org

Call for Papers: Dynamics and Reason: [A Workshop on Du Châtelet and Kant](#)

Despite a recent surge of scholarly interest in Du Châtelet, we are far from adequately understanding many dimensions of her work and its influence. Kant's relation to Du Châtelet

raises particular challenges. Kant read her work and responded to it in his first publication on “Living Forces.” It remains unclear, however, to what extent he was influenced by other central ideas of hers, such as her theory of space and time, her distinctive version of idealism, and her account of mathematical objects as partly dependent on our faculty of imagination. There is also the possibility of indirect influence on Kant and his contemporaries, especially via participants in the 1740s ‘monad controversy’ (which Kant engaged with in early works such as the *Physical Monadology*, ‘Prize Essay,’ and *Dreams of a Spirit-Seer*). More broadly, more work can be done on the intellectual context of these philosophers, or with connecting figures such as Euler, Maupertuis, Formey, and Kästner. Other fruitful topics include, but are not limited to: the theory of hypotheses; matter theory and infinite divisibility; the nature of fire and imponderable fluids; the historical background to Kant’s *Phoronomy*; the Kant–Eberhard controversy; and critical responses to Descartes and Cartesianism. The event is organized by Aaron Wells, a post-doctoral research fellow working on the digital critical edition of the Paris manuscript of Du Châtelet’s *Institutions de Physique* and Ruth E. Hagengruber, Director of the Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists.



Please find the call for abstracts [here](#). The due date for abstracts is November 18th.

The workshop will take place on the 9th–10th February 2023, at Paderborn University and online. The authors of accepted submissions will be invited to contribute papers to an edited volume, to be published by Springer.

Confirmed speakers so far include:

Emily Carson (McGill University)

Katherine Dunlop (University of Texas, Austin)

Hartmut Hecht (Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences)



Conference Ethics and Digitalization IV - Live stream, 1 December 2022, 2:00 - 6:00 pm CET
 Cultural Entrepreneurship Institute Berlin in cooperation with Venice International University and the Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists

Programme 14-19th

13:50 – 14:00 Accreditation

14:00 – 14:20 Dr. Clara Mavellia – Cultural Entrepreneurship Institute, Berlin (Deutschland)

14:20 – 14:40 Prof. Mariarosaria Taddeo – Keynote – Associate Professor and Senior Research Fellow – ICSS DPhil Programme Director Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford (UK)
 DPhil Ethics Fellow | Alan Turing Institute, London (UK)
 „On Cyber Defence“

14:40 – 15:00 Prof. Fiorella Battaglia – Università del Salento, Lecce (Italia) und Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Deutschland)
 „Trustworthy AI“

15:00 – 15:20 Prof. Atosa Kasirzadeh
 „Benefits and perils of digitalisation in relation to Iran and women“

15:20 – 15:40 Prof. Dr. Frauke Kneiser – Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Deutschland)
 „Data Ethics: Ensuring appropriate flow in data collection and analysis“

15:40 – 16:00 Prof. Carla Conti – Conservatorio Santa Cecilia, Rome (Italia)
 „Gender issues and digitalization in musical careers“

16:00 – 16:10 Dr. Gloria Mähringer – Zentrum für Ethik und Philosophie in der Praxis (ZEPP) an der Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Deutschland)

16:10 – 16:20 – 16:25 – 16:30 presentation – Mansour Initiative für Demokratieförderung und Extremismusprävention, Berlin (Deutschland)

16:30 – 16:40 Dr. Ines Kappert – Leibniz-Gunda Werner Institut der Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Berlin (Deutschland)

16:40 – 17:00 Prof. Riccardo Pozzo – Università Tor Vergata, Rome (Italia)
 „Social, Cultural and Religious Innovation: Convergence and Divergence: Iran and the West“

17:00 – 17:15 Prof. Ruth Edith Hagengruber – Director of the Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, Filderloh University (Deutschland)
 „1789 – 2022. From France to Iran. Women pave the way to freedom. Introducing Shohreh Bayat. Voices from Iran.“

17:15 – 17:30 Shohreh Bayat – International Chess Arbiter, London (UK)

17:50 – 18:00 Dr. Clara Mavellia closing words

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Ethics & Digitalization | Ruth Hagengruber | 01.12| 5pm|

1789-2022 From France to Iran. Women pave the way to Freedom. Introducing Shohreh Bayat. Voices from Iran at the conference **Ethics and Digitalization December 1, 2022**. Ruth Hagengruber will introduce Shohreh Bayat, who will launch her support for the Iranian women. Shohreh Bayat is an Iranian chess referee and women’s rights activist. During her work as a referee at the 2020 Women’s World

Chess Championship Match, a controversy arose in which Bayat was accused by the Iranian government of not wearing the hijab correctly in accordance with Iranian customs. The conference is organized by Dr. Mavellia, director of [Cultural Entrepreneurship, Berlin](#).

XIX IAPH Symposium in Buenos Aires, July 29-August 4, 2023: Announcement from the secretary of the IAPH

Here are some exciting news from the IAPH. The 1st call for papers for the XIX IAPH Symposium to be held from July 31 to August 4 in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 2023 is now online.

Veronica Tozzi and the IAPH Board are pleased to announce that for the first time an IAPH symposium will be held in Latin America. The theme is: ***Feminisms Today Philosophical Contributions against Violence, Discrimination and Exclusions.** The symposium will take place from **31 July to 4 August at the University of Buenos Aires.**

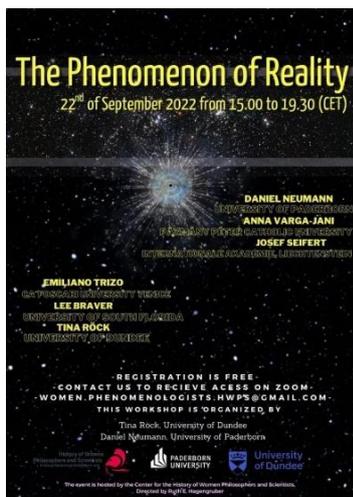
The biannual workshop of the IAPH e.V. is organized by Cristina Sanchez and will take place in Madrid on December, 1-2. **Save the date.** More details coming soon.

To become a member of the IAPH, please register [here](#).



WHAT YOU MISSED: Events at the Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists September 2022

[Workshop: The Phenomenon of Reality](#)



On 22nd September we hosted the workshop The Phenomenon of Reality! It was co-organized by Daniel Neumann, research associate for early phenomenology at the Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, University of Paderborn and Tina Röck, lecturer in philosophy at the University of Dundee. The event was hosted by the Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, University of Paderborn, directed by Prof. Ruth E. Hagengruber.

Below you can find a new book on the phenomenologist [Else Voigtländer!](#) [Here](#) is also our project on women on early Phenomenology.

[Émilie Du Châtelet in Relation to Leibniz and Wolff](#)

The conference Émilie Du Châtelet in Relation to Leibniz and Wolff – Similarities and Differences at the University of Paderborn was organised by Clara Carus (Paderborn University), Jeffrey McDonough (Harvard University) and Ruth E. Hagengruber (Director of the Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, Paderborn University). Find the reports on the conference [here](#).

Thank you all for the amazing conference! We also thank Clara Carus for her time at the Center. We are happy to keep her as a Fellow at the Center. More events of the Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists [here](#).



This is the November 2022 newsletter by the Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists founded and directed by Ruth Hagengruber, executed by Violeta Milicevic.

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