



The NYC Early Modern Workshop in Berlin

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 2025

Saturday, June 21 — Hauptgebäude, Room 1066e

9:15: Welcome Note

9:30 – 11:00: Discussions of the Self, Chair: Katja Krause (Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte)
Haley Brennan (NYU), “What is the ‘Self’ for Cavendish?”
Frans Svensson (University of Gothenburg), “Passion, Vice, and Illness: Lâcheté in Descartes’ Passions of the Soul”

11:15 – 12:45: Spinoza, Chair: Leonardo Moarú (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)
Daniel Bella (University of Hamburg), “Fundamental Parts or Fundamental Wholes? Spinoza’s Changing View on ‘Infinite Modes’”
Oliver Toth (Heidelberg University), “Spinoza on active human love”

12:45 – 2:15: Lunch

2:15 – 3:45: Reactions to Rousseau, Chair: Reed Winegar (Fordham University)
Adam Jurkiewicz (The George Washington University), “Finding One’s Way Around: How Rousseau’s Discussions of Embodied Knowing Influenced Kant’s Critical Turn”
Ke Xia (University of Warwick), “Self-knowledge and spectatorship: Adam Smith on praiseworthiness in contrast to Rousseau”

4:15 – 5:15: Keynote, Chair: Wenchao Li (Freie Universität Berlin)
Catherine Wilson (University of York), “Did the Philosophers Believe in their Systems?”

Sunday, June 22 — Human Abilities Center, Room 4.17

10:00 – 11:30: Discussions of God, Chair: Anat Schechtman (University of Texas, Austin)
Jean-Luc Solère (Boston College/CNRS, LEM-PSL), “Bayle on Evil and Common Notions”
Patrick J. Connolly (Johns Hopkins University), “Causal Containment in Locke’s Proof of God’s Existence”

11:45 – 1:00: Discussions in Moral Philosophy, Chair: Lauren Kopajtic (Fordham University)
Enrico Galvagni (University of Edinburgh), “Hutcheson, Burnet, and Balguy on the Foundation of Morality”
Manuel Fasko (University of Basel), “The Moral Agency of Non-Human Animals in Mary Shepherd”

1:00 – 2:15: Lunch

2:15 – 3:45: Leibniz, Chair: Osvaldo Ottaviani (Radboud Universiteit)
Gastón Robert (Adolfo Ibáñez University), “Causal Powers, Laws of Nature and Divine Intervention: The Anti-Occasionalist Roots of Leibniz’s Anti-Newtonian Objection from Perpetual Miracles”
Jonathan Schmidt-Dominé (Goethe University Frankfurt), “Non-standard analysis and the principle of continuity”

4:15 – 5:15: Keynote, Chair: Ohad Nachtomy (Technion)
Stephan Schmid (Universität Hamburg), “Necessitarianism and the Persistence of Finite Modes in Spinoza.”