



Émilie Du Châtelet and Early Modern Philosophy

Graduate & Early Career Workshop

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Associated Public Lecture

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Jeffrey McDonough (Harvard University)

TIME FOR ÉMILIE DU CHÂTELET

Time	Session
10:00-10:15	Welcome
10:15-11:00	Clara Carus (Heidelberg University): Du Châtelet's Metaphysics: The Knowable and the Unknowable
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:00	Andreas Rupprecht (Heidelberg University): Émilie Du Châtelet's (Anti-)Cartesianism. What (if anything) is left?
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break – Vetter's Brauhaus
13:30-14:15	Tao Chen (Heidelberg University): Zwischen Widerspruchsfreiheit und Erfahrung: Du Châtelets Theorie der Hypothese als methodische Vermittlung
14:15-14:30	Coffee Break
14:30-15:15	Alexandros Azaizes (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki): The Ethical Role of Illusion in Émilie Du Châtelet's <i>Discours sur le bonheur</i>
15:15-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-16:15	Juan Li (Shanghai Jiao Tong University): Matter matters: Wolff between Leibniz and Du Châtelet
16:15-16:30	Coffee Break
16:30-17:15	Jeffrey McDonough (Harvard University): Atomism in Du Châtelet, Wolff, and Leibniz
17:30	Dinner – Wirtshaus am Markt

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