



# Cartesian Images

## Picturing Natural Philosophy in the Seventeenth Century

19-21 March 2020

KU Leuven

Institute of Philosophy, Kardinaal Mercierplein 2

Organisers: Mattia Mantovani & Davide Cellamare

### Thursday 19 March (Kardinaal Mercierzaal)

Chair: Jan Papy

14:00-14:15 – Word of Welcome

14:15-15:05 – Isabelle Pantin, *Is the 'Philosophical Image' an Invention of the Cartesian Literature?*

15:15-16:05 – Carla Rita Palmerino, *"Ils se trompaient d'ailleurs tous deux": Galileo's and Descartes' Representations of Ebb and Flow*

16:15-17:05 – Susanna Berger, *On Minim Visual Culture in the Generations around Descartes*

17:15-18:05 – Christoph Lüthy, *The Paradox of Figured Particles from Descartes to De Raey*

### Friday 20 March (Raadzaal)

Chair: Davide Cellamare

9:30-10:20 – Gary Hatfield, *L'Homme / De Homine: Images as Interpretations*

10:30-11:20 – Delphine Bellis, *The Status of the Retinal Picture for Gassendi's and Descartes' Theories of Vision*

11:30-12:20 – Gideon Manning, *False Images Do Not Lie: Mechanism and Medicine in Descartes' Treatise on Man*

Chair: Delphine Bellis

13:30-14:20 – Annie Bitbol-Hespériès, *Descartes' Writings and the Use of Anatomical Images Dealing with Medical Issues: Contextualization, Innovation and Reception*

14:30-15:20 – Mattia Mantovani, *Spirits or Clocks? Visualization Strategies of the Human Body among Cartesians*

15:30-16:20 – Maria Conforti, *Illustrating Nerves: Images and Theories after Descartes*

### Saturday 21 March (Raadzaal)

Chair: Christoph Lüthy

9:30-10:20 – Geert Vanpaemel, *How to Walk under Water: Scientific Illustrations in Leuven Student Notebooks during the Cartesian Revolution*

10:30-11:20 – Mihnea Dobre, *Depicting Cartesian Cosmology in the Seventeenth Century*

11:30-12:20 – Sietske Fransen, *Between Seeing and Thinking: The Art of Depicting Microscopic Observations*

12:20-12:30 – Concluding Remarks

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*Evidence on the Teaching of Cartesian Philosophy from Student Notebooks 1650-1750*

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Attendance open, but do please register by March 15<sup>th</sup> (email [cartesianimages@gmail.com](mailto:cartesianimages@gmail.com))

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