



# Cartesian Images

## Picturing Natural Philosophy in the Early Modern Age

KU Leuven

Online Conference

**Organisers: Mattia Mantovani & Davide Cellamare**

All times are in CET (Bruxelles / Amsterdam / Paris / Rome)

(In the EU daylight time ends on Oct. 25, in the US on Nov. 1)

### Thursday 15 October: The New World

Chair: Jan Papy

17:00-17:30 – Isabelle Pantin, *Is the 'Philosophical Image' an Invention of the Cartesian Literature?*

17:30-18:00 – Gideon Manning, *False Images Do Not Lie: Mechanism and Medicine in Descartes' Treatise on Man*

18:00-18:30 – Mihnea Dobre, *Depicting Cartesian Cosmology in the Seventeenth Century*

18:30-20:00 - Discussion

### Thursday 29 October: The Human Body

Chair: Christoph Lüthy

17:00-17:30 – Gary Hatfield, *L'Homme / De Homine: Images as Interpretations*

17:30-18:00 – Mattia Mantovani, *Spirits or Clocks? Visualization Strategies of the Human Body among Cartesians*

18:00-18:30 – Annie Bitbol-Hespériès, *Descartes' Writings and the Use of Anatomical Images Dealing with Medical Issues: Contextualization, Innovation and Reception*

18:30-20:00 - Discussion

### Thursday 12 November: Mathematical-Physics

Chair: Sietske Fransen

17:00-17:30 – David Rabouin, *The Role of Imagination in Descartes' Geometry*

17:30-18:00 – Jip van Besouw, *Breaking With Balance, or Why Descartes Required Such a Complicated Diagram for the Lever*

18:00-18:30 – Carla Rita Palmerino, *"Ils se trompaient d'ailleurs tous deux": Galileo's and Descartes' Representations of Ebb and Flow*

18:30-20:00 - Discussion

### Thursday 26 November: The Microcosm

Chair: Davide Cellamare

17:00-17:30 – Delphine Bellis, *The Status of the Retinal Picture for Gassendi's and Descartes' Theories of Vision*

17:30-18:00 – Maria Conforti, *Illustrating Nerves: Images and Theories after Descartes*

18:00-18:30 – Christoph Lüthy, *The Paradox of Figured Particles from Descartes to De Raey*

18:30-20:00 - Discussion

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The conference will take place on Zoom. In order to attend, please email [cartesianimages@gmail.com](mailto:cartesianimages@gmail.com)

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