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Prognostication in the Middle Ages Philosophical Strategies to Deal with Uncertainties

WINTER SCHOOL
University of Pisa
5-8 February 2025



Aula Magna
Palazzo Boileau
Via Santa Maria, 85
Pisa

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16.00-16.30 OPENING SESSION

Introduction and greetings

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WS School Scientific Coordinator
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Alessandro Palazzo (University of Trento)
P.I. PRIN-PNRR Social, Political, and Religious Prognostication and its Roots: Philosophical Strategies for Coping with Uncertainties and Planning the Future

16.30-18.00 SESSION 1.1

Chair: Alessandra Beccarisi

Prognostication. Philosophical categories and everyday practices in the Middle Ages

Matthias Heiduk
Leibniz Centre for Archaeology-Mainz

18.00-18.45 Exploring Medieval Prognostication (EMP): Seminar Series

Introduction and presentation of WS Students

20.00 Social Dinner



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9.00-10.30 LECTIO MAGISTRALIS

Chair: Stefano Perfetti

Boèce de Dacie et la science des rêves

Gianfranco Fioravanti
University of Pisa

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-12.30 SESSION 1.2

Chair: Anna Rodolfi

Prognostication, uncertainty, and the medieval 'Art of Generation'

Maaïke van der Lugt
Université de Versailles, Paris-Saclay

13.00- 14.00 Lunch

14.30-16.00 SESSION 1.3

Chair: Paola Bernardini

The body as a mirror of the soul: physiognomy in the Middle Ages

Lisa Devriese
KU - Leuven

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30- 18.45 EMP Seminar Series

Patterns of predictability and human generation: William of Auvergne, Roland of Cremona, and Albert the Great

Amalia Cerrito
University of Trento

Interpreting signs: conjectural knowledge in natural philosophy and medicine

Laura Cesco-Frere
University of Udine

Extraordinary men in Albertus Magnus' work: the philosopher, the prophet and the alchemist(?)

Athanasios Rinotas
IMT, Lucca

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9.00-10.30 SESSION 2.1

Chair: Antonella Sannino

Divination and foreknowledge in the world-view of Michael Scot, the astrologer

Oleg Voskoboinikov
Independent Scholar

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-12.30 SESSION 2.2

Chair: Alessandro Palazzo

This ancient quarrel: Walter Chatton, Thomas Bradwardine, and the many failed solutions to the problem of divine foreknowledge and contingency

Christopher David Schabel
CNRS/University of Cyprus

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.30 Guided Tour

Ancient Ships Museum / Medieval Art Museum - San Matteo

16.30-18.45 EMP Seminar Series

The Summa Anglicana by John Ashenden and its manuscript tradition

Francesca Bonini
University of Trento

Divine foreknowledge and future contingents in a debate at Heidelberg (1431)

Andrea Fiamma
University of Foggia

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9.00-10.30 SESSION 3.1

Chair: Amos Bertolacci

Playing with Fire: Predictions About Matter in Avicenna

Tommaso Alpina
University of Pavia | American University of Beirut

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-12.30 SESSION 3.2

Chair: Marco Signori

The question of uncertainty in late medieval political thought

Stefano Simonetta
University of Milano

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.30-16.30 EMP Seminar Series

Eo quod felix non est varius ut chamaeleon. Albert The Great on overcoming transience with virtue

Aurelia Maruggi
University of Pisa

Time, 'times' and power in Southern Italian Lombard historiography

Arturo Iannace
IMT, Lucca

Subjects and spaces of survival of the prophetic word in Nicholas of Lyra's Postilla Litteralis

Lorenzo Cozzi
Ph.D. FSC, Modena

Discussion

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16.30 CONCLUSION

Round Table

Team PRIN-PNRR "Social, Political, and Religious Prognostication and its Roots: Philosophical Strategies for Coping with Uncertainties and Planning the Future"