International Conference

The World of Daniel Sennert (1572–1637): Creation and Dissemination of Medical Knowledge in the 17th Century

June 8–9, 2023 | Gotha Research Centre of the University of Erfurt

Organization: Ann Blair (Harvard) | Anja-Silvia Goeing (Zürich/Harvard) (PI)

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Wednesday, June 7, 2023 Arrival of Speakers

16:00

Highlights of the Gotha Research Library: Tour through the library and its holdings relevant to the conference topic

Afterwards

Possibility of Meetings and Gatherings

Thursday, June 8, 2023

08:45

Welcome by the Organizers

1) Chemistry, Religion, and Medicine: Ancient and New Knowledge

09:00

Ancient Knowledge, Growing
Counterevidence: The Four Versions of Daniel
Sennert's Handbook of Natural Philosophy
Christoph Lüthy (Radboud University Nijmegen)

Fear of Atheism and the Defence of Galenism: Problems with Substance rather than Quality

Harold Cook (Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island)

Sennert and Renaissance Debates of Occult Diseases

Hiro Hirai (Columbia University, New York)

11:15

Coffee

11:30

Sennert's Compromise between Galenic and Paracelsian Pharmacology

Elisabeth Moreau (University of Cambridge)

Sennert's Critique of Emergent Properties and the Question of Confessionalization

Andreas Blank (University of Klagenfurt)

13:00

Lunch

2) Medical and Chemical Practices

15:00

Making Knowledge in Experimental Chymistry and Medicine: The Correspondence of Daniel Sennert and Michael Döring

Joel A Klein (Huntington Library, San Marino, California)

Daniel Sennert: Anti-Paracelsian or Quasi-Paracelsian?

Charles Gunnoe (Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan)

An Aristotelian Experimentalist? Daniel Sennert as a Pre-Baconian Case-Study?

William R. Newman (Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana)







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Friday, June 9, 2023
3) Medical Publications and the Book Market

09:00

'Epitomizers', Pirates, and Translators: Seventeenth Century Publications of Sennert's Works in France, Italy, The Netherlands, and England

Kaspar von Greyerz (University of Basel)

Daniel Sennert and the University of Padua: Circulation of Medical Knowledge and Scholars across the Confessional Divide

Pietro Daniel Omodeo (Ca' Foscari, Venice)

The Dissertation in the Sixteenth and Early Seventeenth Centuries

Kevin (Ku-ming) Chang (Academia Sinica, Taipeh)

11:15

Coffee

4) Teaching, Students, and Networks

11:30

Teaching and Making Medical Knowledge in Early Modern Europe: The Case Study of Scurvy Wittenberg

Anja-Silvia Goeing (University of Zürich/Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts)

The Unknowing Disciples of Daniel Sennert and his Inconspicuous Impact in the Ottoman Empire

Natalia Bachour (University of Zürich)

13:00

Lunch

15:00

Sennert's Works in Baltic Dissertations

Meelis Friedenthal (University of Tartu)

'Medicinae Alumni Witebergenses'. A Digital Analysis of the Influence of Wittenberg University on Contemporary Medicine (1502– 1648)

Manuel Huth (University of Würzburg)

16:30

General Discussion of Results

Saturday, June 10, 2023 Individual Departure





