

Hec Colloquium

# Thinking Science at Large - Towards a Connected History of Science

**Lectures and workshops are convened by Prof. Stephane Van Damme in cooperation with the History of Science Working Group**

## ABSTRACT

Over the last decade, the grand narrative of the Scientific Revolution has been replaced with a grand narrative of the process of globalization, with the history of science at risk of falling into another teleological trap. This EUI Lecture series will explore other possibilities in terms of researching and writing the history of science. By looking at the multiple ways that European sciences were challenged by other non-European traditions (and were sometimes produced by these challenges and confrontations). This should lead us to more dense descriptions of these practices of encountering, translating and circulating; without the assumptions that these processes were obvious, peaceful and always successful. The study of asymmetries, failed translations and failed encounters are as important as the study of the trajectory of world science, which succeeded in dominating the globe (and even, some argue, produced the idea of globalization). Investigating these counter-narratives in the history of science or in science studies can provide particularly valuable methodological tools which allow us a greater insight into the history of science.

## 2020

### [From New Cythera to Soho Square. Voyaging, exploring and collecting the World in the Eighteenth Century](#)

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Speaker: Pierre-Yves Beaurepaire (Université Côte d'Azur)

17 February 2020

## 2019

### [De-globalizations: a Natural History](#)

Speakers: Projit Bihari Mukharji (University of Pennsylvania), Emmanuele Coccia (EHESS), Nicola Di Cosmo (Princeton University), Guillaume Lachenal (SciencesPo), Nastassja Martin (Laboratoire d'anthropologie sociale), Grégory Quénet (Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines), Lissa Roberts (University of Twente), Alexander Statman (Center for the Humanities), Neera Singh (University of Toronto), Simon Werrett (UCL)

4-5 December 2019

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### [Into the Maelstrom of Early 19th century American Science: Bache, Barnum, and Poe](#)

Speaker: John Tresch (The Warburg Institute)

28 November 2019

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### [The Art and Nature of Glass: A Material in the History of Knowledge](#)

Speaker: Sven Dupré (Utrecht University)

4 November 2019

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### [The Dream of the Perfect Rule](#)

Speaker: Lorraine Daston (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science)

29 October 2019

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[Mondo macchina e mondo vivente](#)

Speakers: Pascal Briost (Université de Tours) and Andrea Bernardoni (Museo Galileo, Firenze)

28 October 2019

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[Mostri: la storia e le storie](#)

Speaker: Lorenzo Montemagno Ciseri (Independent Scholar)

7 October 2019

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[Defining 'religion' and 'polytheism' in the study of ancient religions: how to create appropriate tools?](#)

Speaker: Vinciane Pirenne-Delforge (Collège de France)

12 June 2019

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[Learning to Love Opacity: Decision Trees and the Genealogy of the Algorithmic Black Box](#)

Speaker: Matthew L. Jones (Columbia University)

7 June 2019

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[Humboldt & Sons: Science and Nature in the Age of Revolutions \(1780-1850\)](#)

Speakers: Marie-Noëlle Bourguet (University Paris-Diderot) and Moritz Von Brescius (Konstanz University)

24 May 2019

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[Boundaries of Humanity in Enlightenment Debates: Orangutans, Slaves and Global Markets](#)

Speaker: Silvia Sebastiani (EHESS)

25 March 2019

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[Writing the History of the Smile](#)

Speaker: Colin Jones (Queen Mary University of London)

7 February 2019

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[Naturalism in Crisis: Anthropocene and History](#)

Speaker: Grégory Quenet (Université Versailles Saint-Quentin en Yvelines)

30 January 2019

## 2018

### [Galileo between Science and Myth](#)

Speaker: Massimo Bucciantini (Università di Siena)

30 November 2018

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### [Exploring French Asia: Sciences and Knowledge in the Eighteenth-Century](#)

Speakers: Blake Smith (Max Weber Fellow), Sarah Easterby-Smith (Saint-Andrews), Dorit Brixius (German Historical Institute, Paris), Alexander Statman (Graduate School Global Intellectual History, Berlin), Antoine Lilti (EHESS)

19 June 2018

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### [Material Practices of Science in a Global Context](#)

Speakers: Lissa Roberts (University of Twente), Simon Schaffer (University of Cambridge), Otto Sibum (Uppsala University), Neil Safier (Brown University), Juan Pimentel (CSIC)

18 June 2018

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### [Charisma at the Age of Revolutions](#)

Speaker: David A. Bell (Princeton University)

6 June 2018

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### [From Cartesian to Freudian Wars: New Approaches on Controversies](#)

Speakers: Delphine Antoine-Mahut and Samuel Lézé (ENS Lyon)

31 May 2018

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### [The Roots of Anti-Hypotheticalism in Seventeenth-Century English Science](#)

Speaker: Robert Iliffe (Oxford University)

17 May 2018

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### [Science and Satire in Early Modern England](#)

Speaker: Mordechai Feingold (California Institute of Technology)

14 May 2018

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[Medicine and the Inquisition in Global Perspective](#)

Speaker: Maria Pia Donato (CNRS - Cagliari University)

10 May 2018

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[Private Gardens and Public Spaces in 18th-century Paris](#)

Speaker: Gregory Brown (UNLV - University of Nevada)

8 May 2018

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[Structuralism and Ontology: An Anthropological Journey](#)

Speaker: Philippe Descola (Collège de France)

4 May 2018

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[Travels, Ethnology, and Natural History](#)

Speaker: Henrique Leitão (University of Lisbon)

15 March 2018

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[Lighting the Enlightenment: Public Illumination in Paris in the Siècle des Lumières](#)

Speaker: Darrin McMahon (Dartmouth College)

21 February 2018

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[The Doctor who Would Be King. Medical Utopias in the Afro-Pacific Region](#)

Speaker: Guillaume Lachenal (Paris-Diderot University)

6 February 2018

## 2017

### ['Collecting the World'. Forum on Hans Sloane](#)

Speakers: James Delbourgo (Rutgers University), Simon Schaffer (University of Cambridge), Lissa Roberts (University of Twente), Silvia Sebastiani (EHESS, Paris)

26 June 2017

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### [The Restless Clock: A History of the Centuries-Long Argument Over What Makes Living Things Tick](#)

Speaker: Jessica Riskin (Stanford University)

22 June 2017

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### [From Russia with Codes: Programming Migrations in Post-Soviet Times](#)

Speakers: Mario Biagioli (University of California, Davis), Vincent Lepinay (SciencesPo, Paris)

16 June 2017

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### [Workshop: Homo Logicus II. L'Enfance de la Logique, Logiques "Natives"](#)

EHESS, Paris

15-16 June 2017

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### [The Thinking Person Disease: Rethinking the Subject in the Digital Age](#)

Speaker: H el ene Mialet (York University, Canada)

30 May 2017

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### [Masterclass with the Ecole Normale Sup erieure Lyon on 'Corpus'](#)

Speaker: Daniel Roche (College de France)

5 May 2017

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### [The Rhinoceros and the Megatherium: an Essay in Historical Morphology](#)

Speaker: Juan Pimentel (Spanish National Research Council, Madrid)

2 May 2017

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[Annual Postgraduate Conference of the British Society for the History of Science](#)

5 - 7 April 2017

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[Useful Knowledge and the Urban Imaginary: a Contested History](#)

Speaker: Bert de Munck (University of Antwerp)

13 March 2017

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[Digital Humanities for the History of Science and Technology and the Promotion of Scientific Heritage](#)

Speaker: Paolo Galluzzi (Museo Galileo, Firenze)

23 February 2017

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[How to Represent Conflicts on the Politics of Nature?](#)

Speaker: Bruno Latour (EHESS, Paris)

14 February 2017

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[Early Modern European Knowledge about the World as a Globe: Questions in Current History and Historiography of Science](#)

Speaker: Antonella Romano (EHESS, Paris)

09 February 2017

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[Ming China Disintegrated. The Chances and Pitfalls of the Global View](#)

Speaker: Dagmar Schäfer (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin)

06 February 2017