

Crossing the Channel:

Early modern and Modern historiographies of science and technology

A joint PhD workshop LARHRA-University of Cambridge

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Department of History and Philosophy of Science, Board Room, Cambridge

Organised by Leonardo Ariel Carrió Cataldi and Daniel Margócsy,
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9.00: Introduction, Leonardo A. Carrió Cataldi -CNRS, Larhra- and Dániel Margócsy, HPS Department

9.15: Collecting Early Modernity

Matteo Proto (Larhra). *Collecting and Knowledge in the Sienese Museum of Ippolito Agostini: a Reflection on the Methods of Preserving the Specimens.*

Xinyi Wen (HPS). *The Last Dodos Rolling Across Books: Extra-Illustrating Early Modern Extinction Between Catherine Strickland and Duke Augustus II of Wolfenbüttel.*

10.30 - 10.50: Coffee Break

10.50 - 12.05: The Dutch Republic

Clara Langer (Larhra). *A. Material Literacy and the Sea in 17th Century Dutch Still Life.*

Alexander van Dijk (HPS). *“They Say That Gold is Our God”: Financial and Religious Conversion in Pieter De Marees’ Beschryvinge ende historische verhael vant gout koninckrijck van Gunea (1602).*

12.05 - 13.00: Lunch Break (not catered)

13.00 - 14.15: Animal Cultures

Oriane Poret (Larhra). *Animals in the Service of Art: Knowledge, Practice, and Animal Exploitation in Nineteenth-Century Europe.*

Zhilin Chu (HPS). *Competing Colonial Strategies: The Negotiation over Dog Vaccination in the Shanghai Concessions, 1921–1943.*

14.15 - 14.35: Coffee Break

14.35 - 15.50: The Smell of Modernity in the Mediterranean

Charlotte Gaudry (Larhra). *Read the Recipes to Smell the Perfume of the Past: the Case of the Recipe Manuals of the 19th century in Italy.*

Melissa Altinsoy (HPS). *Abdullah Bey (1801-1874): Cosmopolitan Science in the late Ottoman Empire*

16.00 - 17.00: Visit to the Whipple Museum

19.00: Dinner for Speakers at the Granta Pub, 14 Newnham Road