

Crossing the Channel:

Early modern and Modern historiographies of science and technology

A joint PhD workshop LARHRA-University of Cambridge

30th October 2026, Salle Bollier – MSH Lyon St-Etienne (14.av Berthelot)

Organised by Leonardo Ariel Carrió Cataldi (CNRS-LARHRA) and Dániel Margócsy
(Cambridge University HPS Department),
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9.00: Introduction, Leonardo A. Carrió Cataldi and Dániel Margócsy

9.15 - 10.30 : Early Modern Medicine: Actors, Sources and Institutions

Sheryl Wombell (Cambridge) *Theodore Turquet de Mayerne's epistolary medical practice*

Chloë Cuberli (LARHRA), *The Records of Medical Colleges: Corporate Life and the Making of a Learned Society*

10:30 - 10:50 Coffee Break

10:50 - 12.05 : Modern Scientific and Technical Control of Plagues

Mika Hyman (Cambridge) *Curing Cocoa: Plant Pathogens and the Making of Agricultural Research Institutions in Twentieth-Century Trinidad*

Lua Pillier-Grandelli (LARHRA): *Mosquito Control in the Languedoc Coast: The Scientific Production of the Entente Interdépartementale de Démoustication*

12.05 - 13.00: Lunch Break

13.00 - 14.45 : Knowledge, savoir-faire and beliefs in the Americas and France

D 'Johensby Simeon (LARHRA): *From "Superstition" to "Belief": The Process of Semantic Reframe and Legitimization of Spiritualities in the French Antilles (16th-17th centuries)*

Xinyi Zhao (LARHRA/East China Normal University) *The Vaporous Body: Naming and Sensing Malaise in Eighteenth-Century French Medicine*

Nienke Groskamp (Cambridge) *Christian Science Obstetrics and Techniques for Alleviating Childbirth Pain in the Late Nineteenth-Century United States*

14.45 – 15.15: final discussion

15.15: Visit to the Musée des Confluences (optional)